

NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP/MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

56



岸本 斉史

I'm always in a quandary over who to draw on the cover of each graphic novel volume... but I usually choose characters that were very prominent in the storylines within that volume. But lately they've all been unsightly old fogeys!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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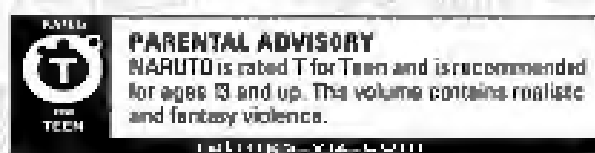
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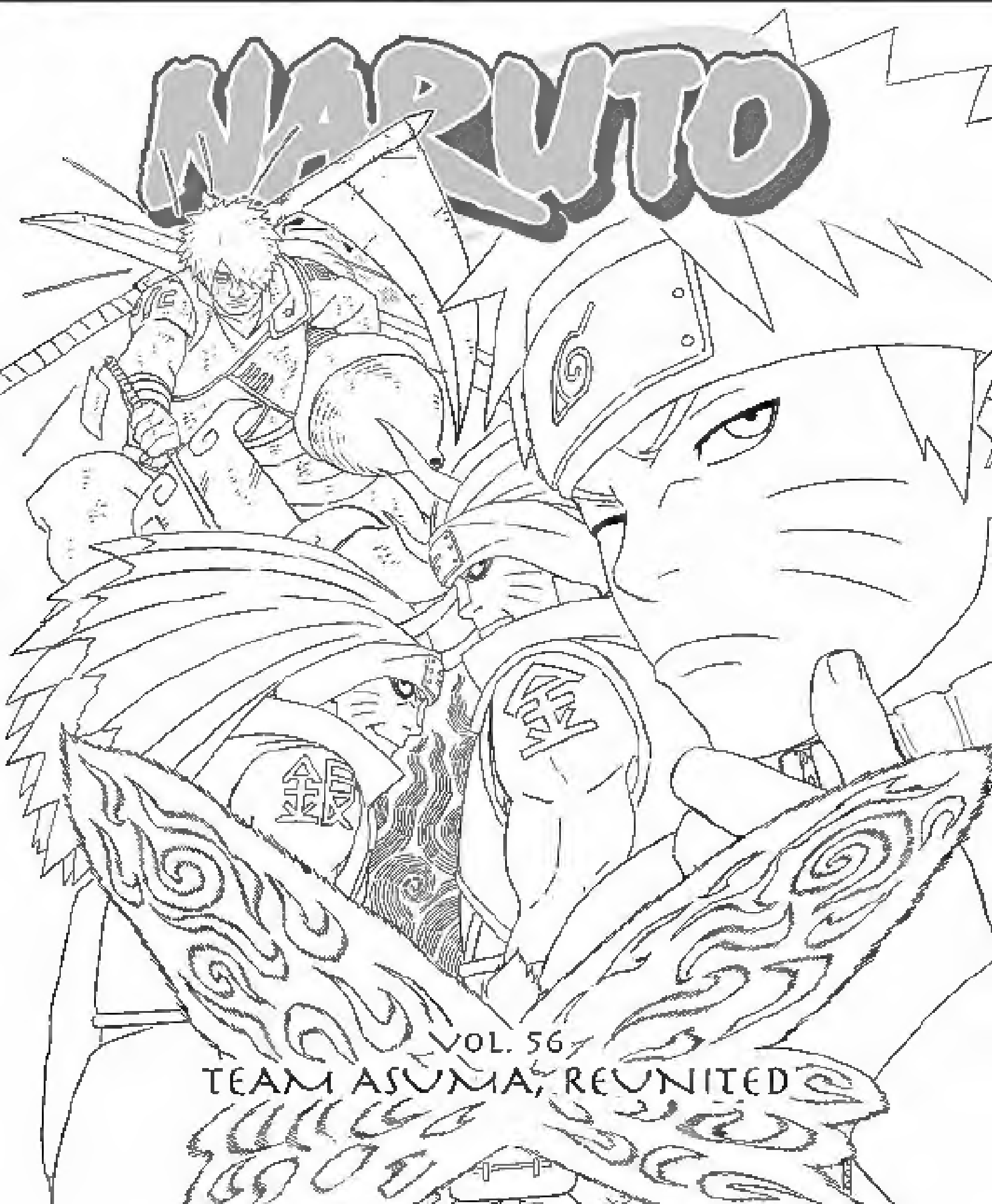
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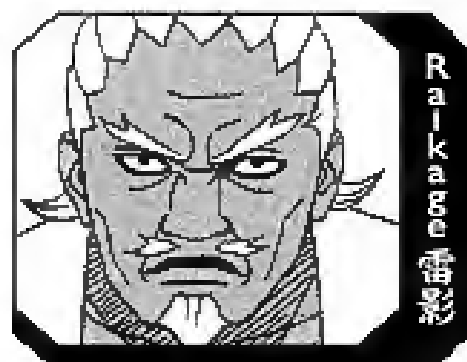
TEAM ASUMA, REUNITED



Mizukage
水影



Tsuchikage
土影



Raikage
雷影



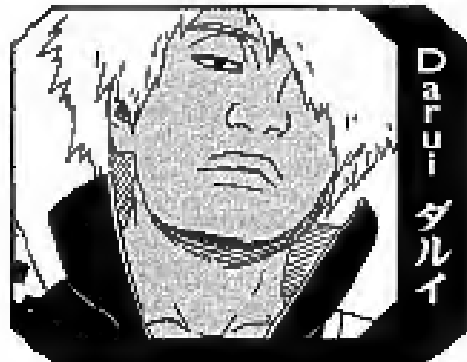
Kabuto
カブト



Zetsu
ゼツ



Madara
マダラ



Darui
ダルイ



Killer Bee
キラビー



Deidara
デイドラ

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, the Five Kage put together an Allied Shinobi Force. The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. Naruto continues training, still sequestered from the battlefield, while the Allied Forces fight harsh battles against the heroes Kabuto has resurrected. And do additional enemies threaten the main regiment of the Allied Forces?!

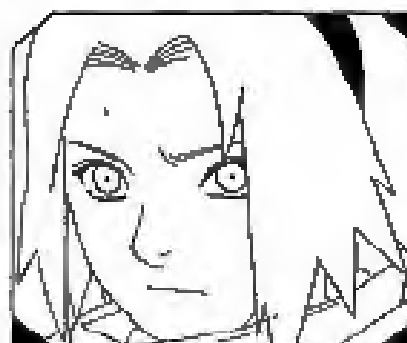
CHARACTERS



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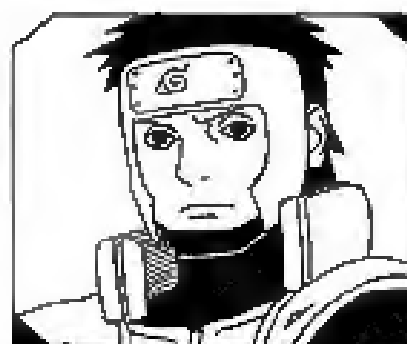
Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



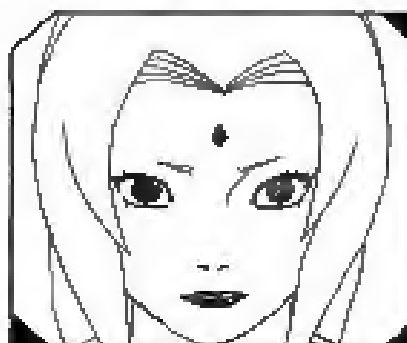
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Gaara 我愛羅



Tsunade 綱手



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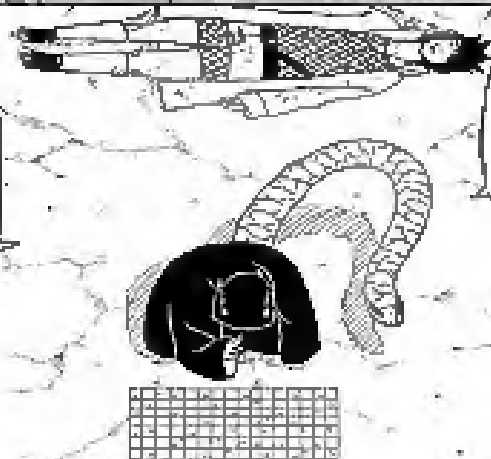
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Number 525: The Kage Resurrected!!

THE SECOND
TSUCHIKAGE HAS
BEEN DETECTED.
THEY CALLED HIM
THE NULL MAN
BECAUSE HE HAD
NEITHER FORM,
NOR CHAKRA.



HE'S
NOT
MOVING.



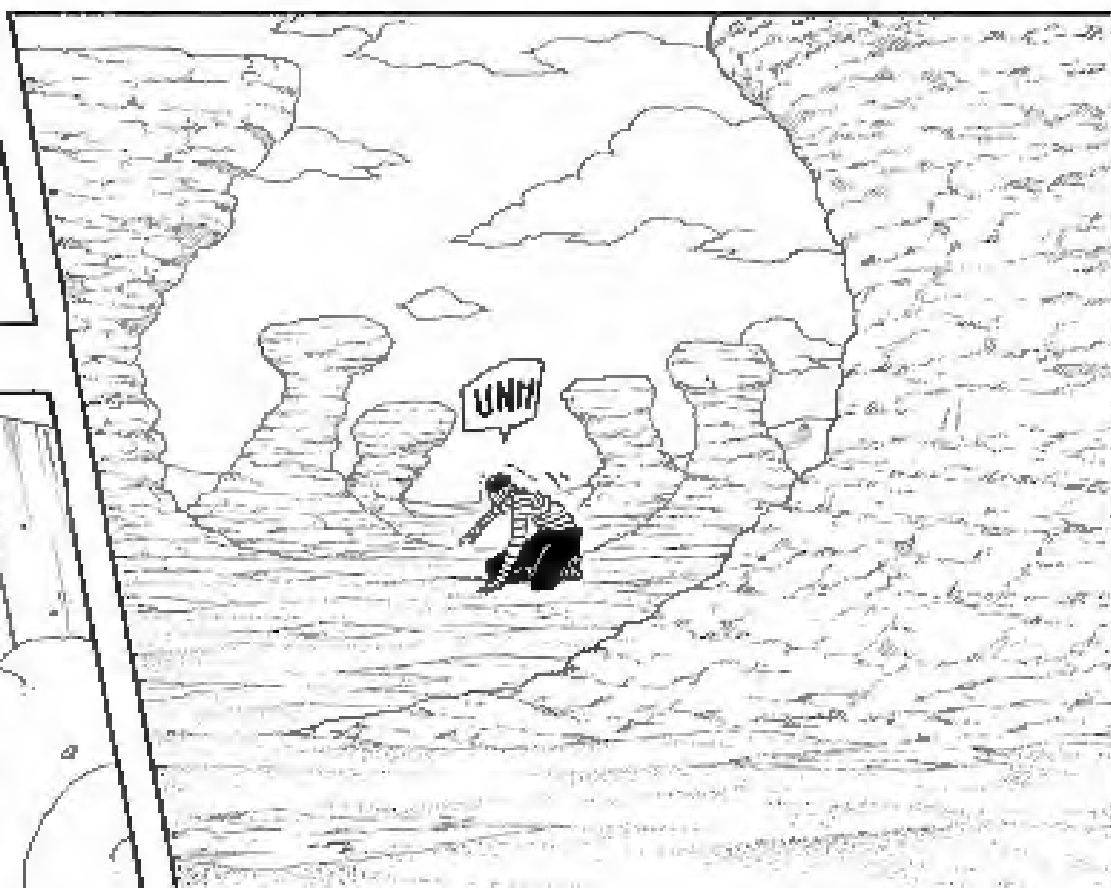
He's not moving.



I THINK
I'LL LET
HIM DO HIS
OWN THING
AFTER THE
KUCHIYOSE
SUMMON-
ING.



THE BATTLE-
FIELD SHOULD
BE COMING
TOGETHER NICELY.
NOW BEGINS THE
REAL FUN.



FISH

Number 525: The Kage Resurrected!!

RECALLING
THE DEAD
FROM THE
UNDER-
WORLD AND
ENSLAVING
THEM.

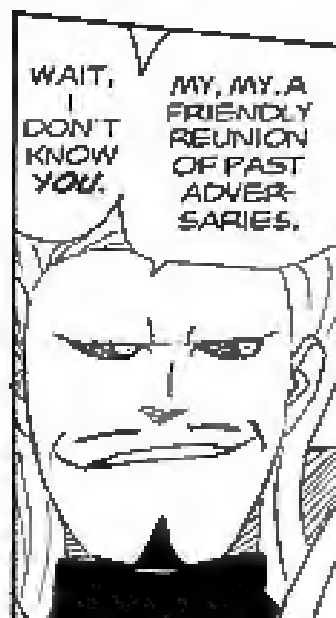
I WAS
FORCED
TO
SUMMON
YOU ALL
HERE.

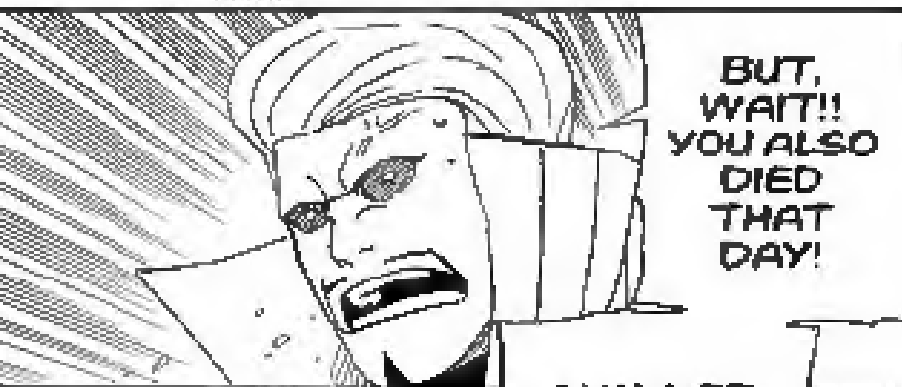
THIS IS A
FOUL JUTSU
OF THE
SECOND
MOKAGE.

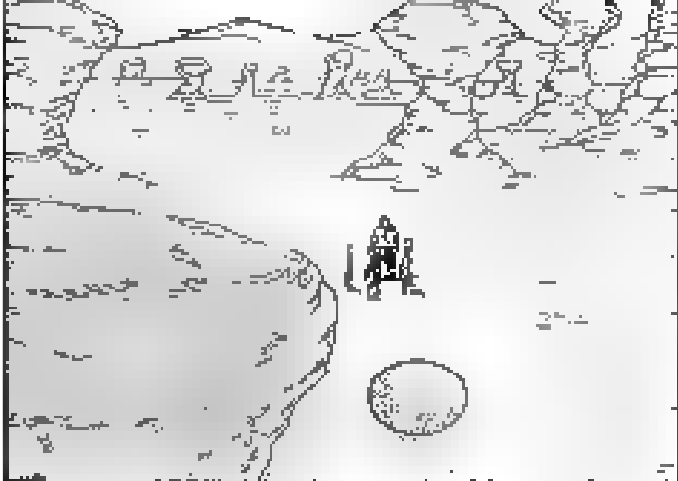
WAIT,
I
DON'T
KNOW
YOU.

MY, MY, A
FRIENDLY
REUNION
OF FAST
ADVER-
SARIES.

WHERE?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?







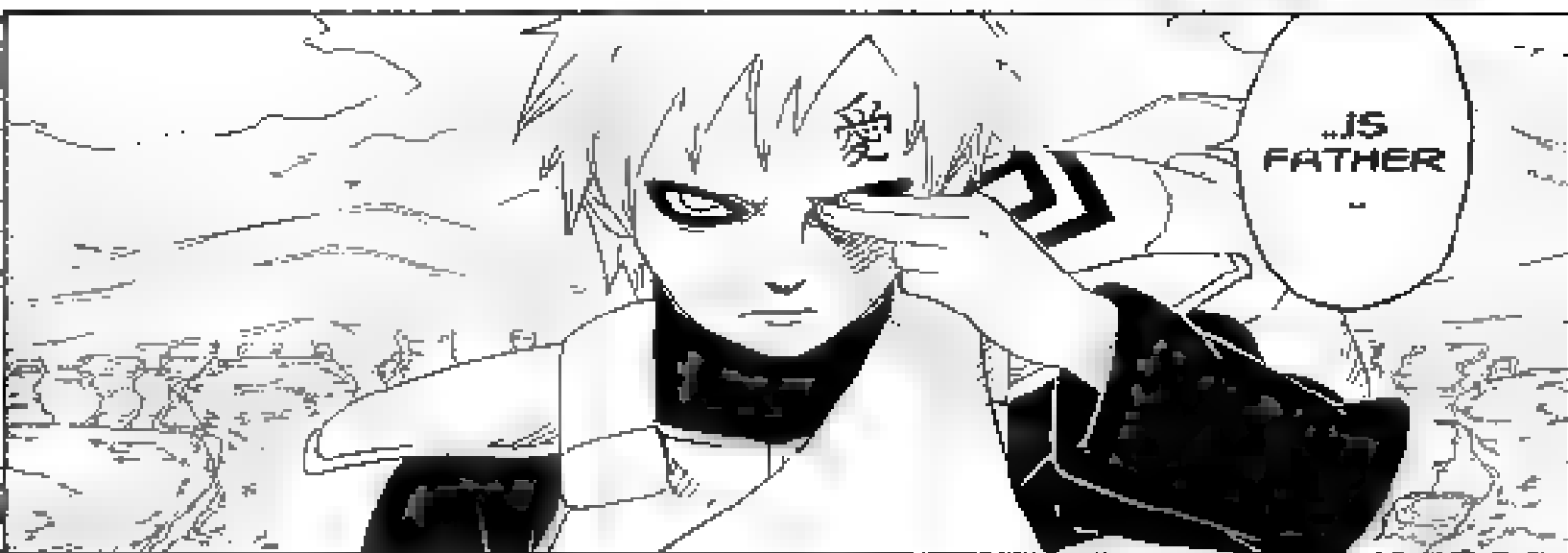
BY MY
TIME THE
SECOND
HOKAGE
WAS LONG
DECEASED.
BUT

THERE
WAS ONE
WHO HAD
MASTERED
THE
EDOTENSE
JUTSU
OROCHIMARU.



AND
ONE OF
THEM...

FOUR

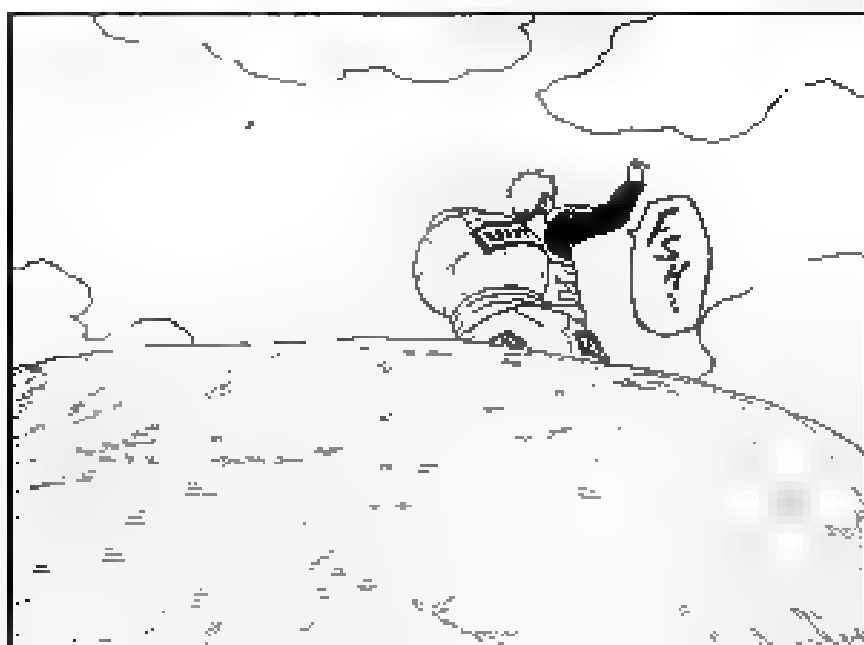


...IS
FATHER

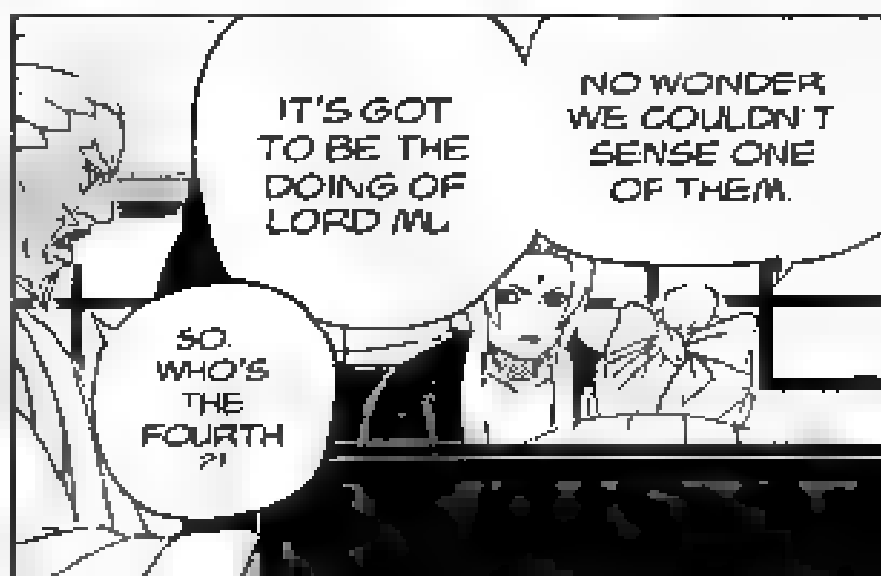
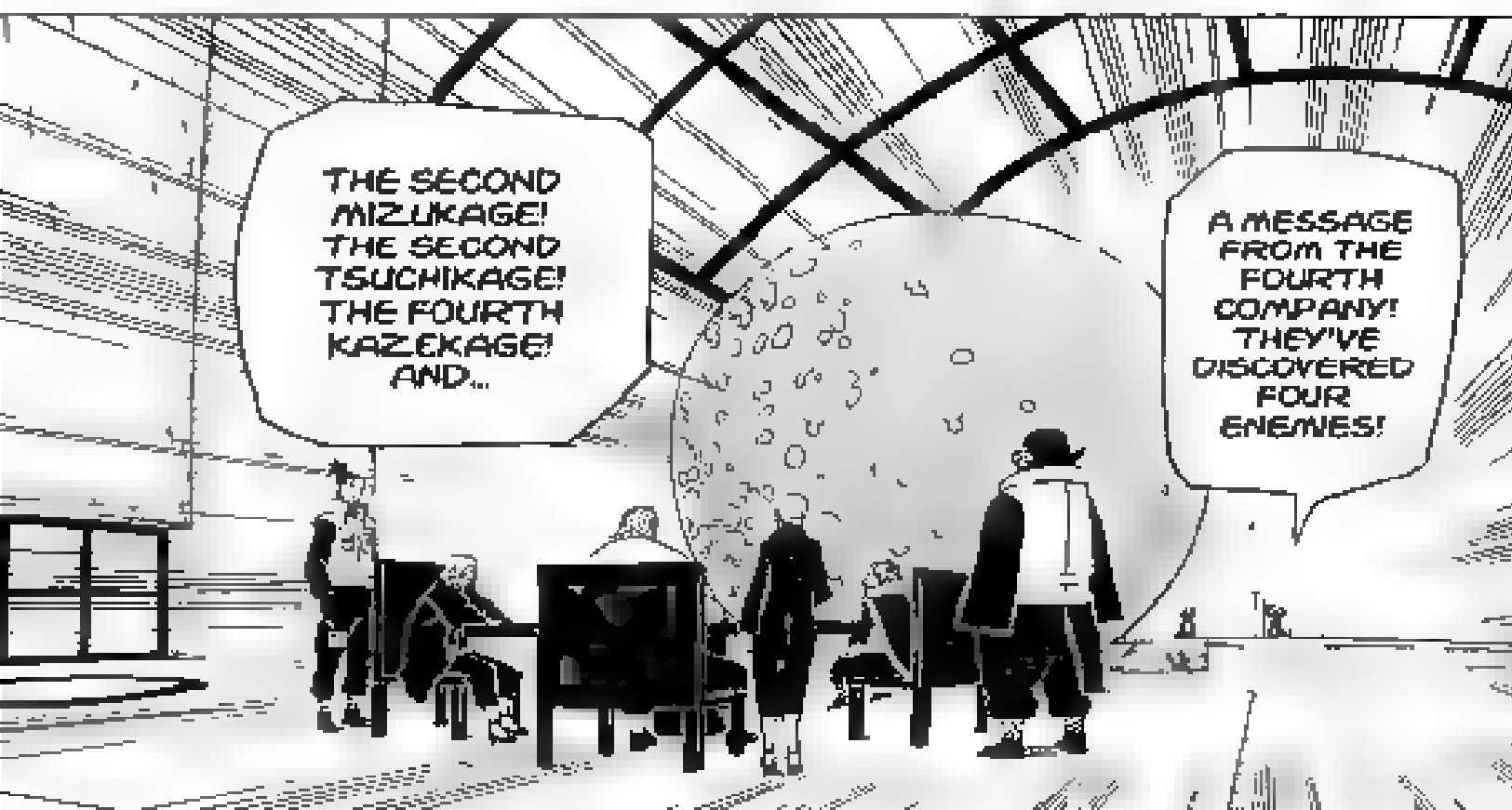
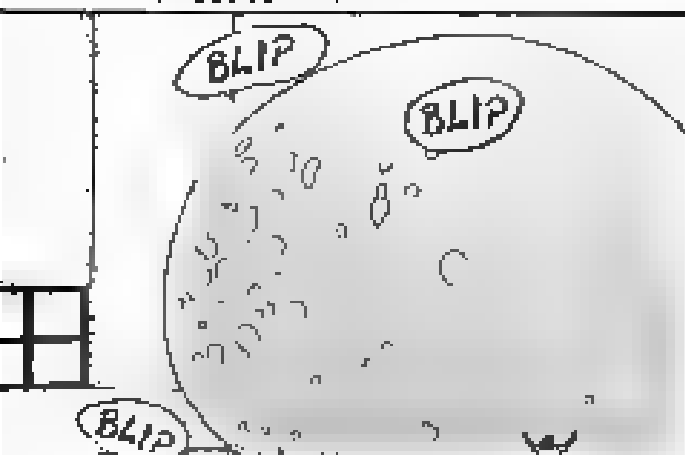


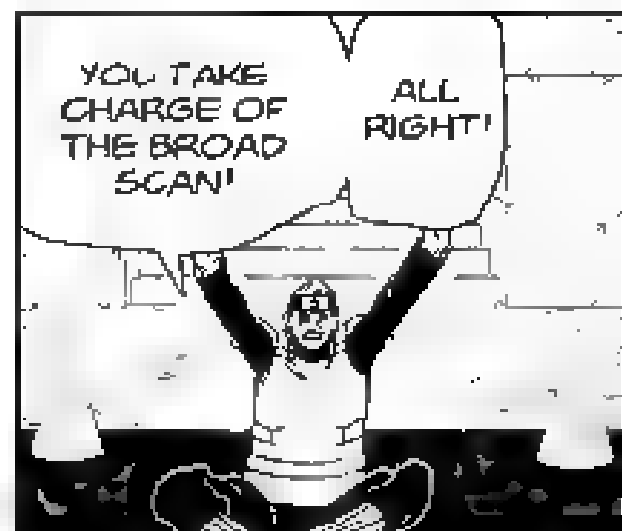
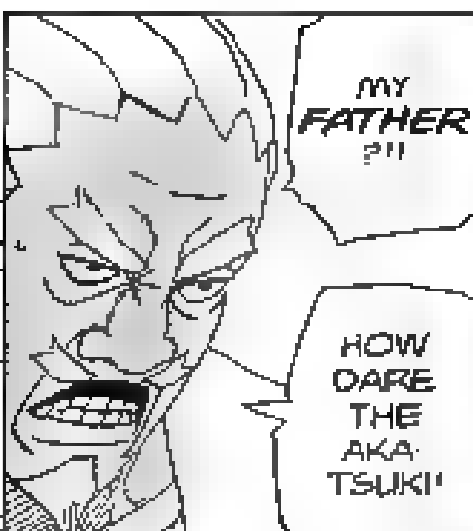
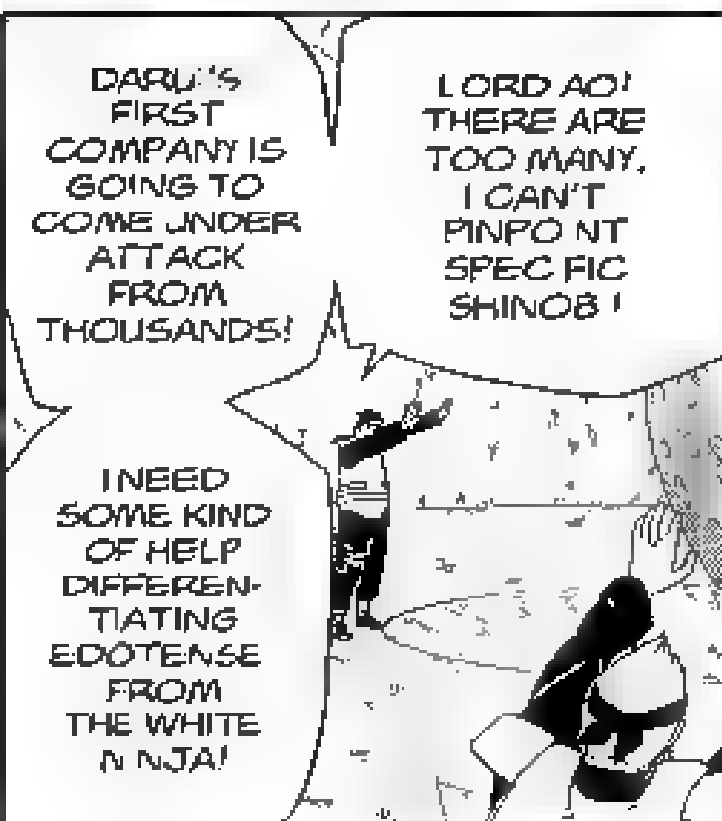
BUT THERE'S
BEEN NO WORD
FROM HQ.
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

HE'S
GIVING
THE
SIGNAL
THE
ENEMY'S
CLOSE



YEAH...





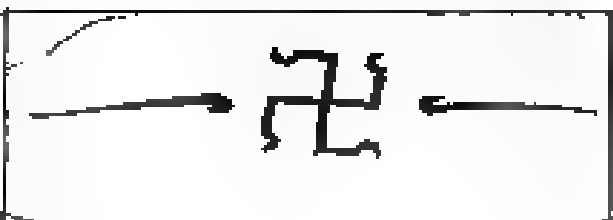
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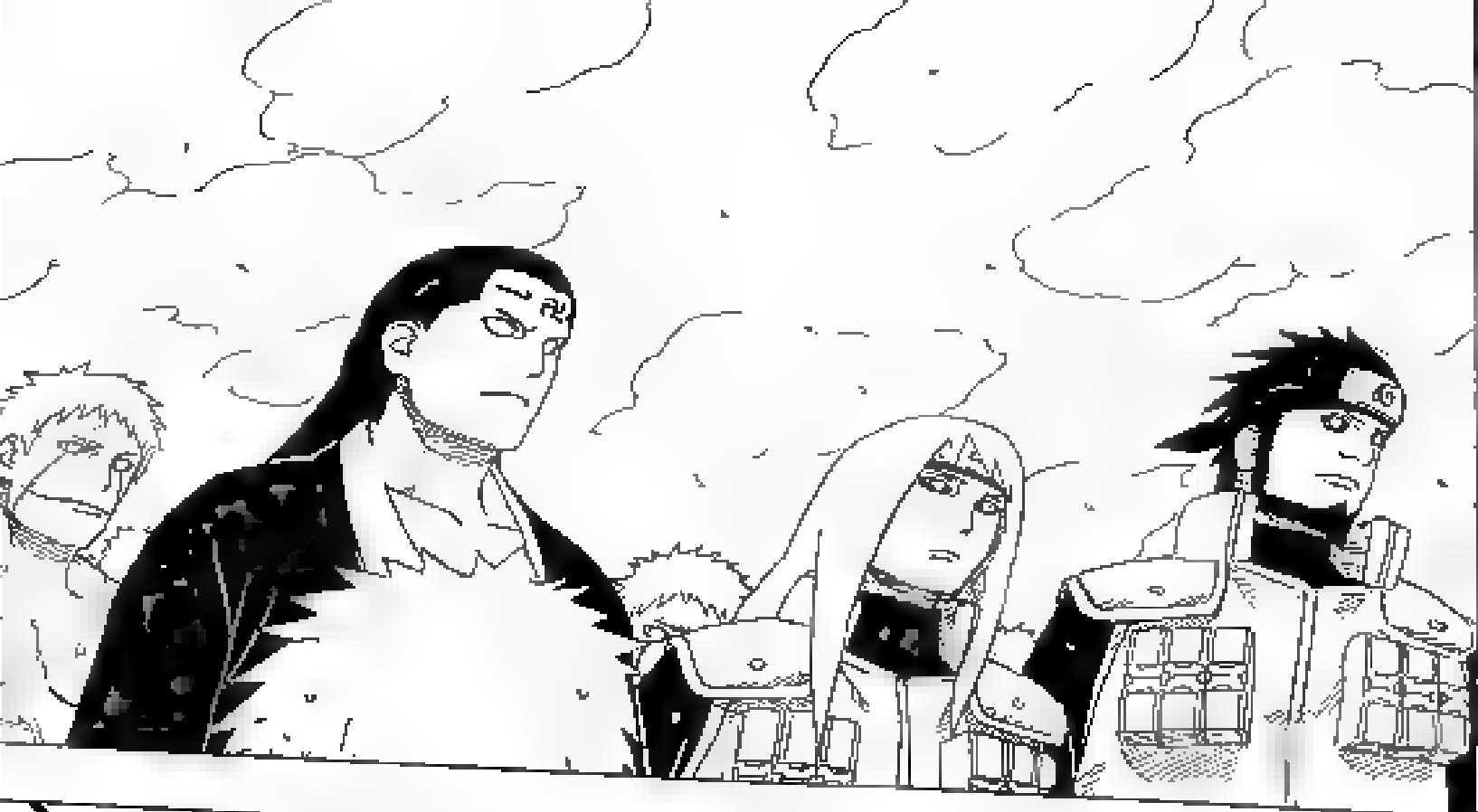
NO!!
THERE ARE
TOO MANY
EDOTENSEI
ATTACKING
FIRST
COMPANY!!

SW-SW-SW-SW-SW-SW-SW-SW

**YES
STR!**

HERE THEY
COME GIVE
THE SIGNAL TO
PREPARE FOR
BATTLE





LORDS
KINKAKU
AND
GINKAKU
!!



N-NO
WAY
THAT'S



WHO ARE
THEY?!

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

IT'S...



IF THAT'S
TRUE, I MUST
JOIN THE
RANKS ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
MYSELF!



GAH!! THERE'S NO
MISTAKE, IT'S THE
GOLD AND SILVER
BROTHERS OF
KUMOGAKURE!!



THEY
HAVE NINE
TAILS'
CHAKRA!
INCRED-
IBLE!

WHO
ARE
THESE
TWO?!



THAT
IS YOUR
RESPON-
SIBILITY
TOWARD
YOUR
CHARGES

THE SUPREME
COMMANDER
MUST REMAIN
SAFE AND
CONTINUE TO
GIVE ORDERS
UNTIL THE FINAL
STAGES OF
THE WAR

PLEASE
RECONSIDER,
SIR! YOU'RE THE
SUPREME
COMMANDER
OF THE ALLIED
SHINOBI
FORCES, LORD
RAIKAGE!



GRRRR

UNH

UNH



EVEN DAN
HAS BEEN
REVIVED?

YOU'VE GOT TO UTILIZE YOUR ARMY TO FIT EACH SOLDIER'S STRENGTHS.

LOOK AT THE MAP

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

HERE, THEY'RE LABELED BATTLEFIELDS A AND B.

WHEN YOU FACE AN ENEMY ON TWO FRONTS, YOU NEED TO OVERLOAD ONE FRONT FIRST AND WIN A DECISIVE VICTORY!

DARUI'S COMPANY CANNOT POSSIBLY STAND UP TO THIS MANY POWERFUL SHINOBI.

I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP WITH MY STRATEGY ANALYSIS

THE TIDE OF BATTLE CHANGES TOO QUICKLY

MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY NEEDS TO JOIN UP WITH FIRST COMPANY TO REINFORCE THE RANKS WHILE MAINTAINING THE BELT FORMATION.
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY NEEDS TO FAN OUT LENGTHWISE THEY MUST SURROUND THE ENEMY AND BOX THEM IN.

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

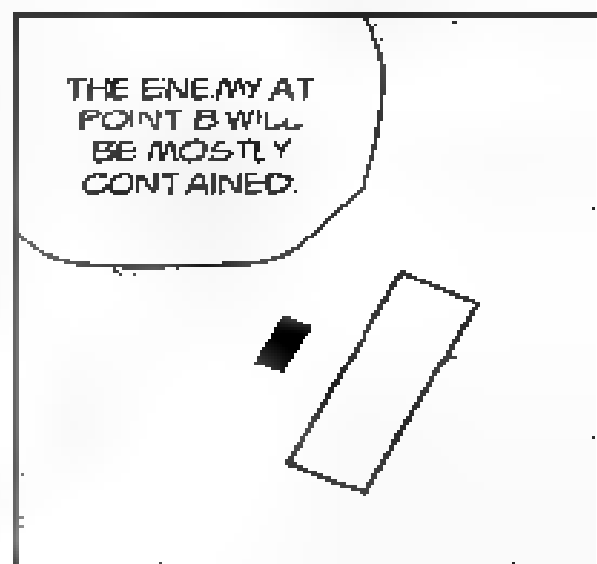
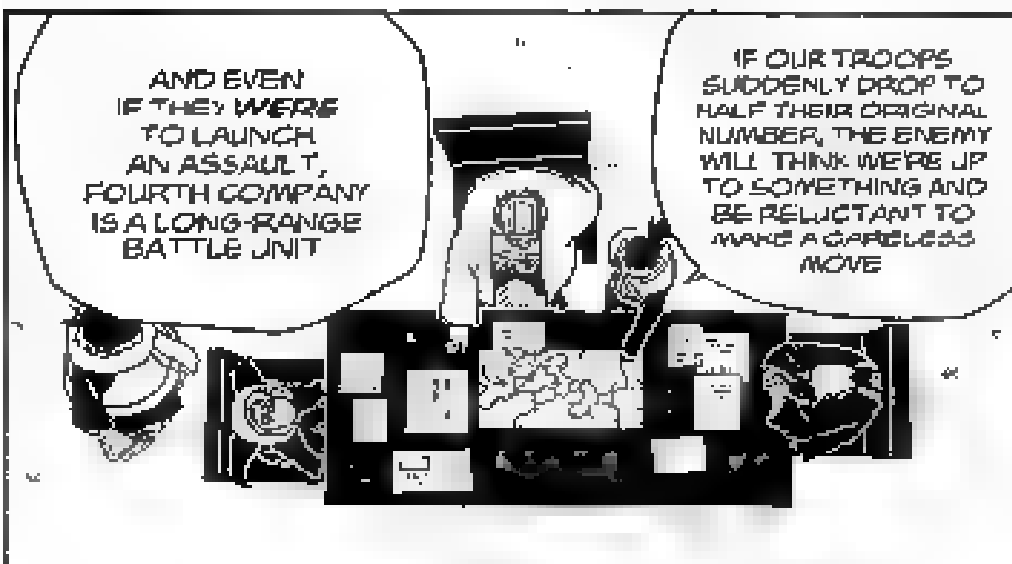
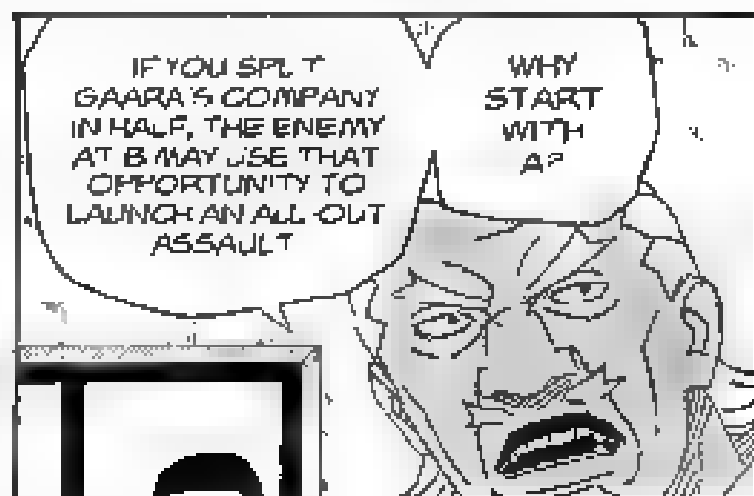
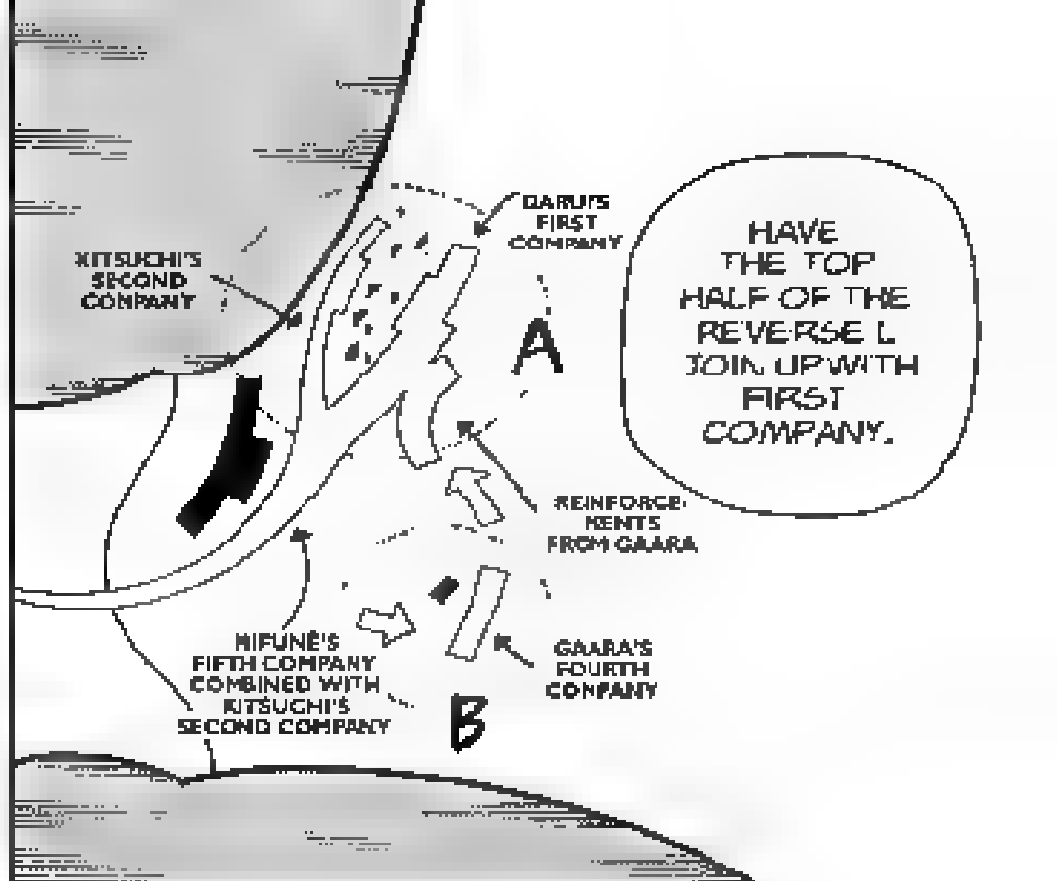
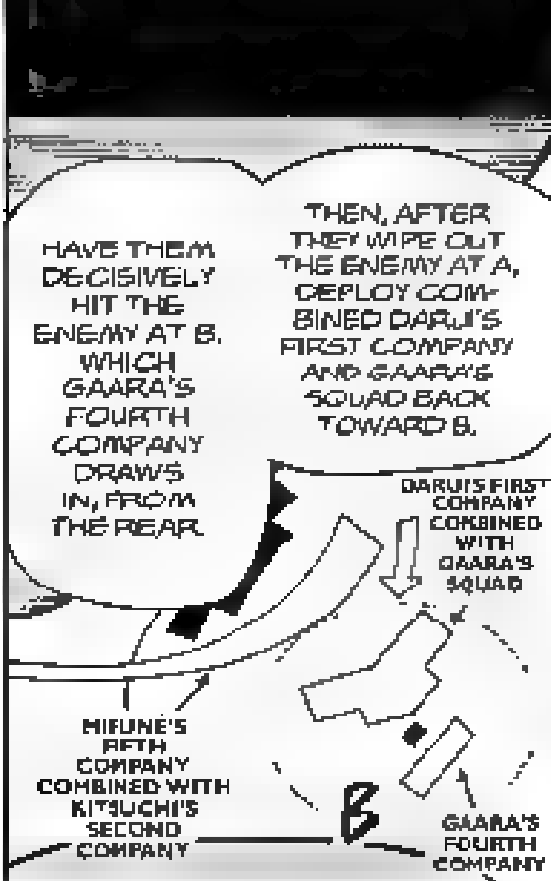
IN OUR CASE, START WITH A.

CONCENTRATE FORCES AROUND DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY!

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY NEEDS TO RETREAT INTO A REVERSE L FORMATION. THIS WILL LURE THE ENEMY FORWARD.

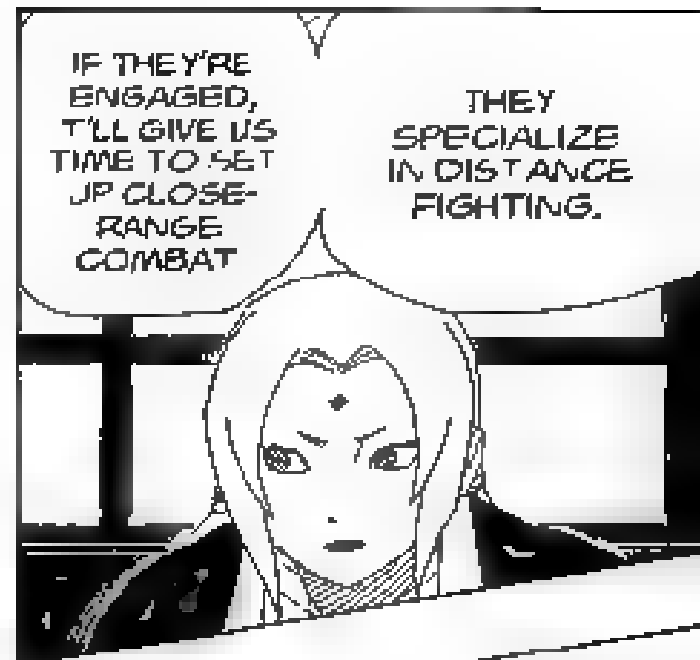
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

SECOND COMPANY WILL BE STRETCHED THIN, BUT FIFTH COMPANY WILL BUTTRESS THEM.





WELL,
SUPREME
COM-
MANDER?



IF THEY'RE
ENGAGED,
T'LL GIVE US
TIME TO SET
UP CLOSE-
RANGE
COMBAT

THEY
SPECIALIZE
IN DISTANCE
FIGHTING.



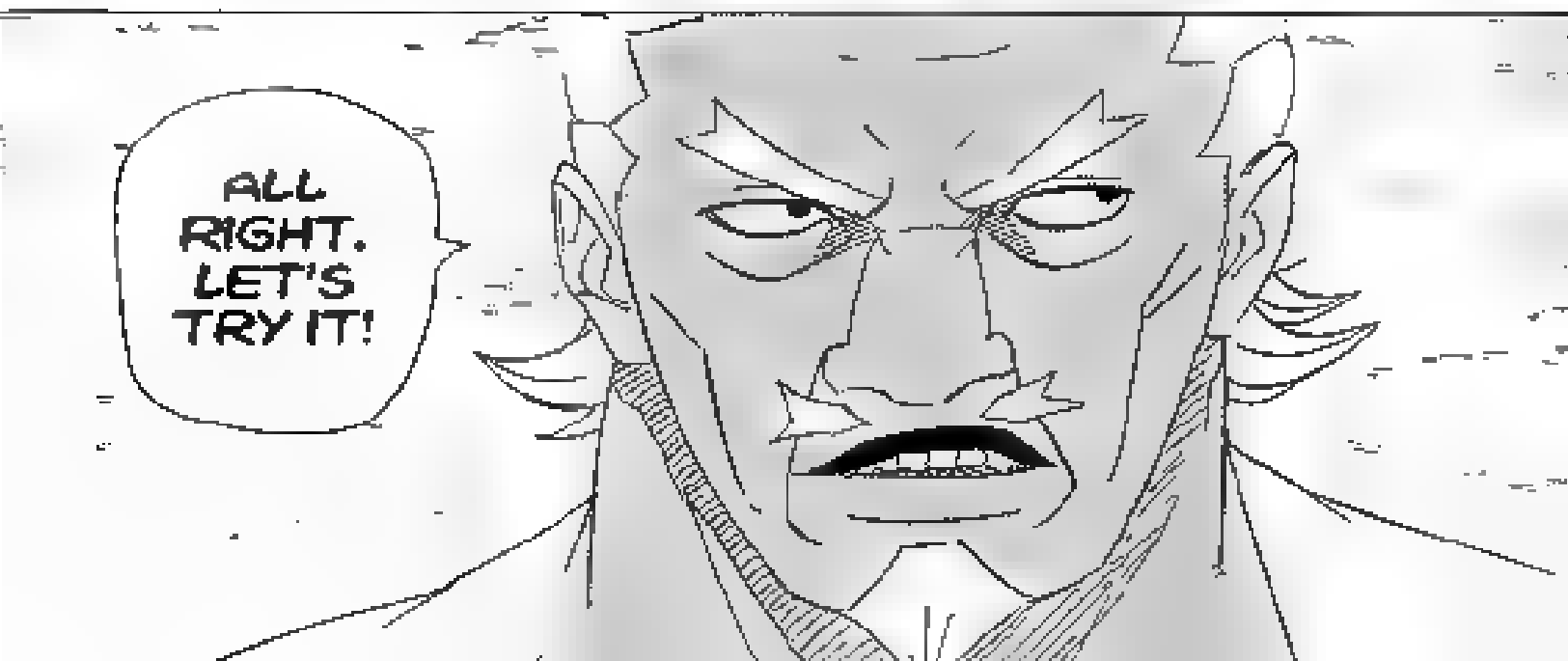
SO
WHAT
WILL IT
BE?

LET'S
HOLD OFF
THE COM-
PLIMENTS
UNTIL WE'VE
WON THE
WAR!



YOU'VE
GOT
GOOD
SHINOBI
TSU-
NAGE.

NO
WONDER
KONOKA'S
BEEN
DIFFICULT
TO
DEFEAT.



ALL
RIGHT.
LET'S
TRY IT!



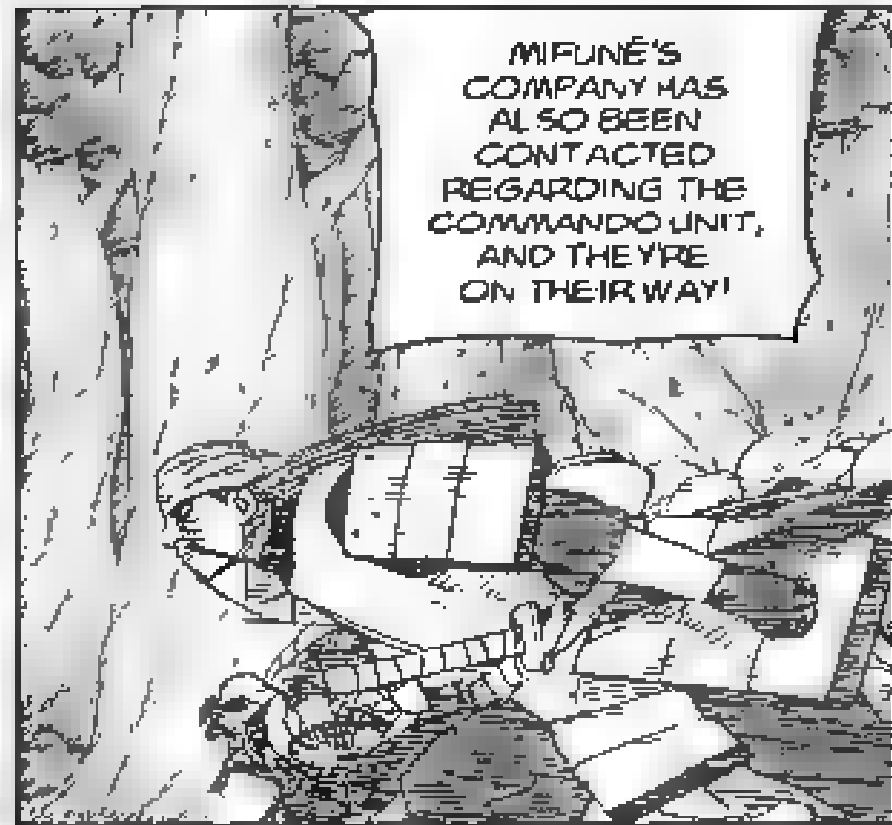
I'VE
ALREADY
RELAYED
ALL
OF IT!



INOICHI!
PAYING
ATTEN-
TION?!



AND I'VE
HAD SHIZUNE
DIVIDE THE
INJURED UP
EVENLY TO BE
TREATED!



MIFUNE'S
COMPANY HAS
ALSO BEEN
CONTACTED
REGARDING THE
COMMANDO UNIT,
AND THEY'RE
ON THEIR WAY!



IF I MAY
INTERJECT
ONE THING?



I THINK
IT'S TIME
FOR INO-
SHIKA-CHO
TO MAKE
A RARE
APPEAR-
ANCE.

GOOD.



THE SECOND TSUCHIKAGE IS NO ORDINARY SHINOBU.

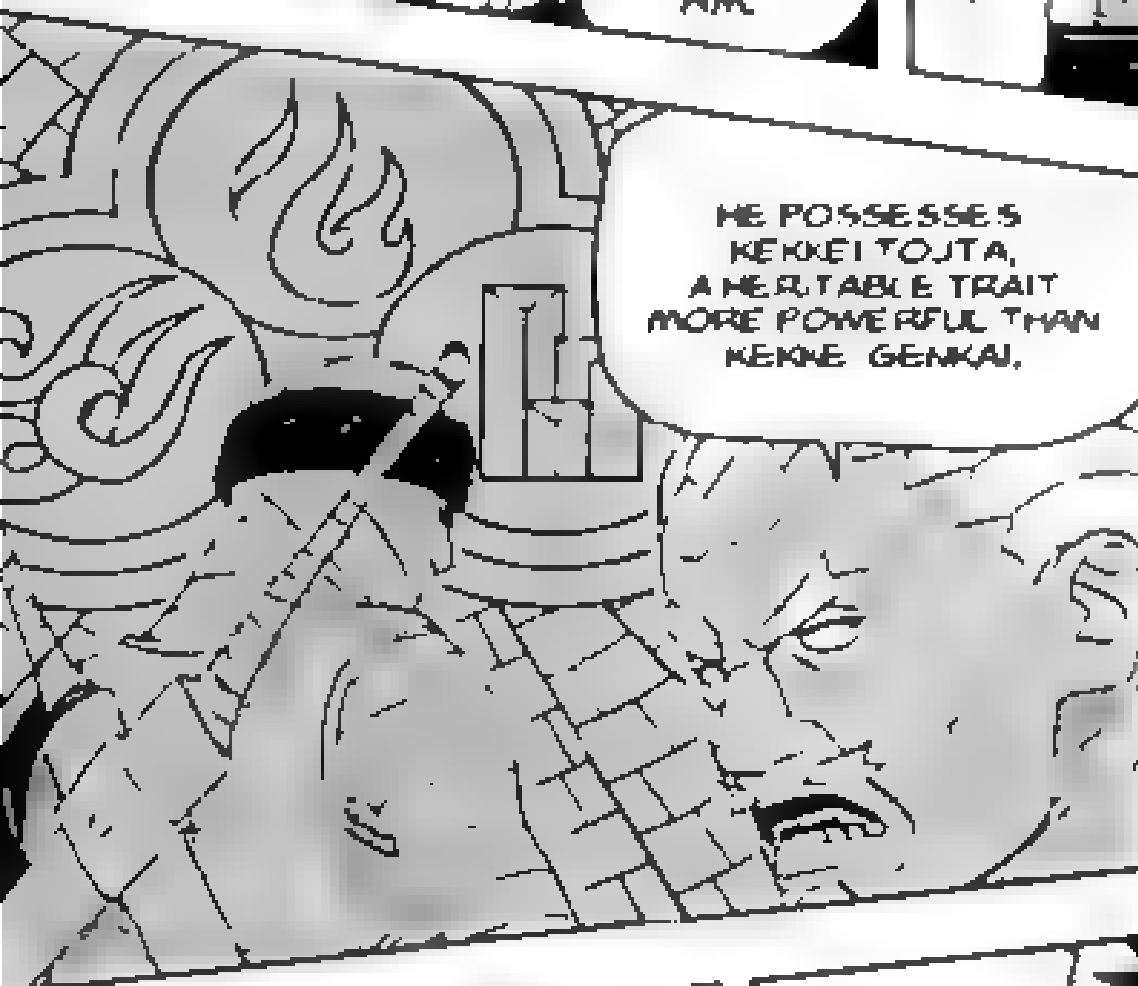
IN FACT, ONLY THE FENCE-SITTER CAN FACE HIM.



YOU NEED TO ALTER YOUR PLAN SLIGHTLY.

YES, SIR?

HOW?



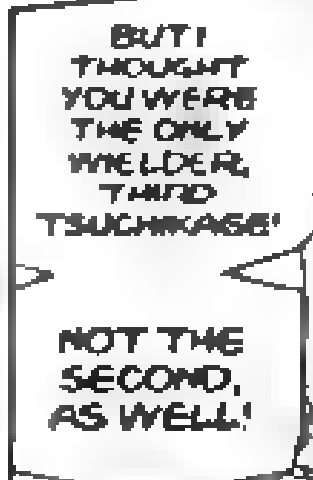
HE POSSESSES KEKKEI TOJTA, A HERITABLE TRAIT MORE POWERFUL THAN KEKKEI GENKAI.



NOT ORDINARY?



FSH



BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONLY WELDER, THIRD TSUCHIKAGE!

NOT THE SECOND, AS WELL!

KEKKEI TOJTA!



THAT'S
SIMULTANEOUS
ACTIVATION
OF THREE
CHAKRA
NATURES—
WIND, EARTH,
AND FIRE.

HE
WAS MY
MENTOR.
HE TAUGHT
ME
PARTICLE
STYLE.



I WANT TO
KILL YOU BUT
MY BODY WON'T
LET ME.

THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN
YOUR BODY
WON'T DO WHAT
YOU WANT
CERTAIN
ACTIONS ARE
RESTRICTED.

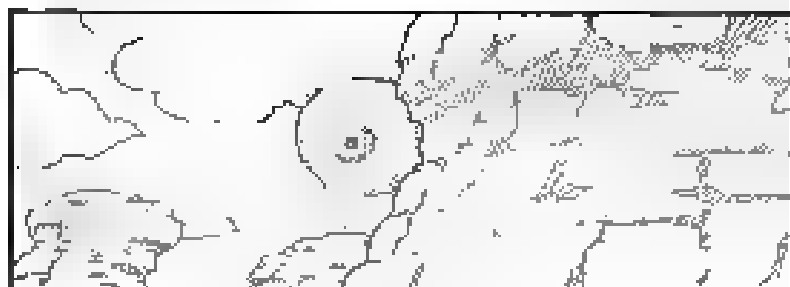


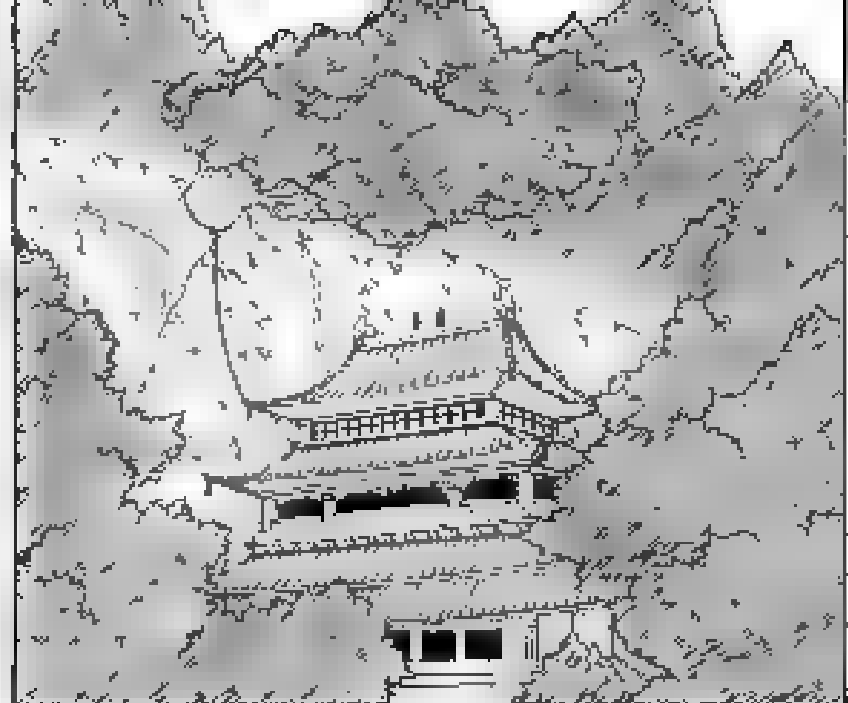
GAARA,
EH.



HOW
DISAP-
POINT-
ING!

I WOULD
HAVE
ENJOYED
BATTLE
WITH ALL
OF YOU.





NOW NOW BE AT
PEACE WE SHOULD
BESTOW ON THEM
MERITORIOUS
HONORS ONCE THE
WAR IS OVER.

HOW LONG
DO WE DAIMYO
HAVE TO BE
COOPED UP IN
SUCH GRAMPED
QUARTERS?

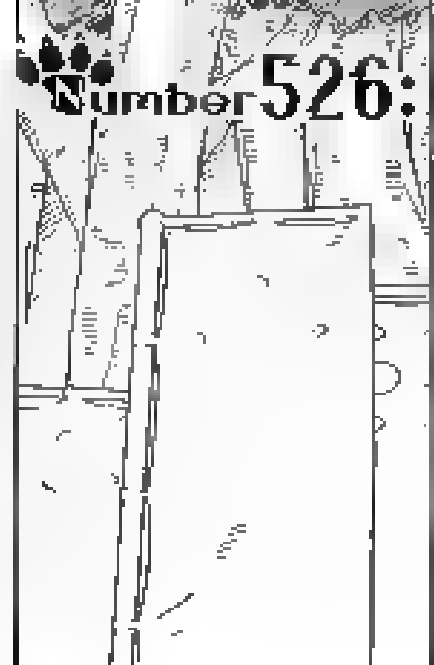
I AM NOT
ENJOYING
THIS.

HMM.
WHAT SHALL
WE CALL SUCH
DECOR-
ATIONS?

IS THIS
THE
PLACE?

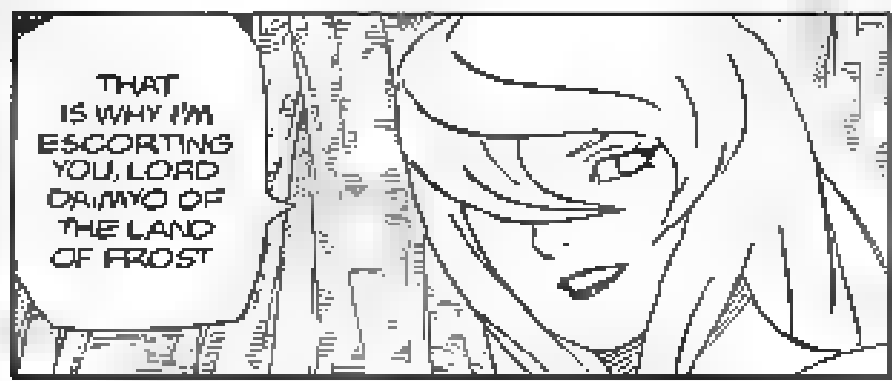
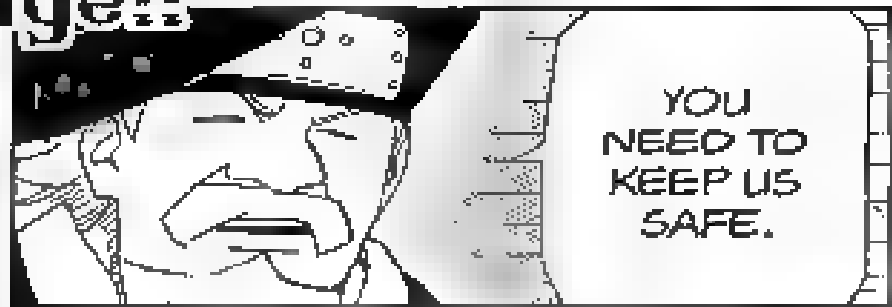
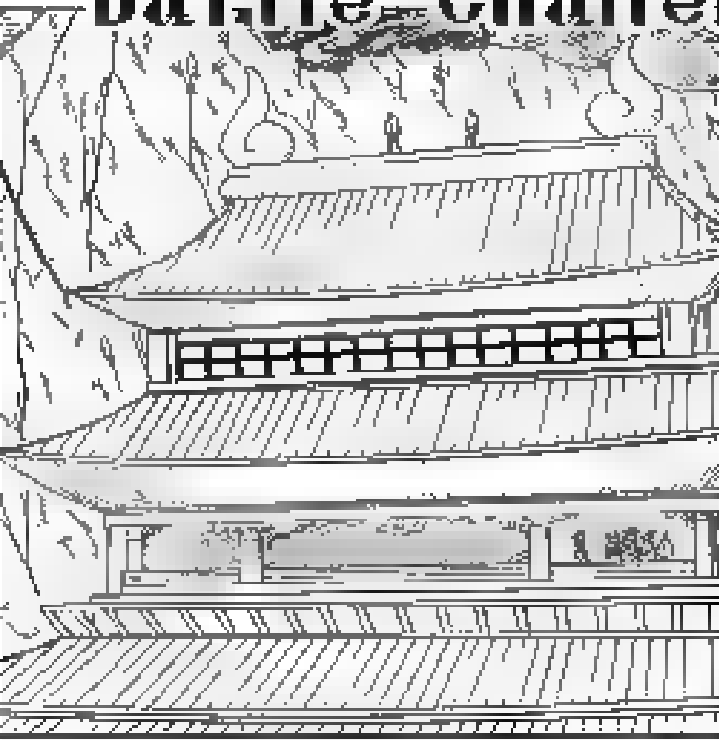
W O P



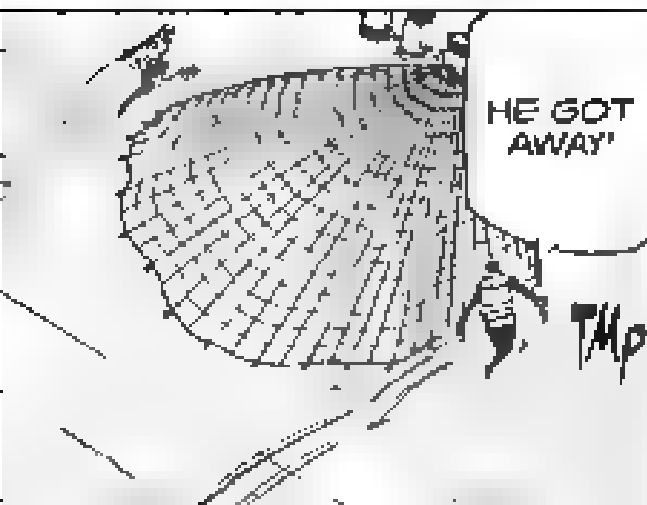
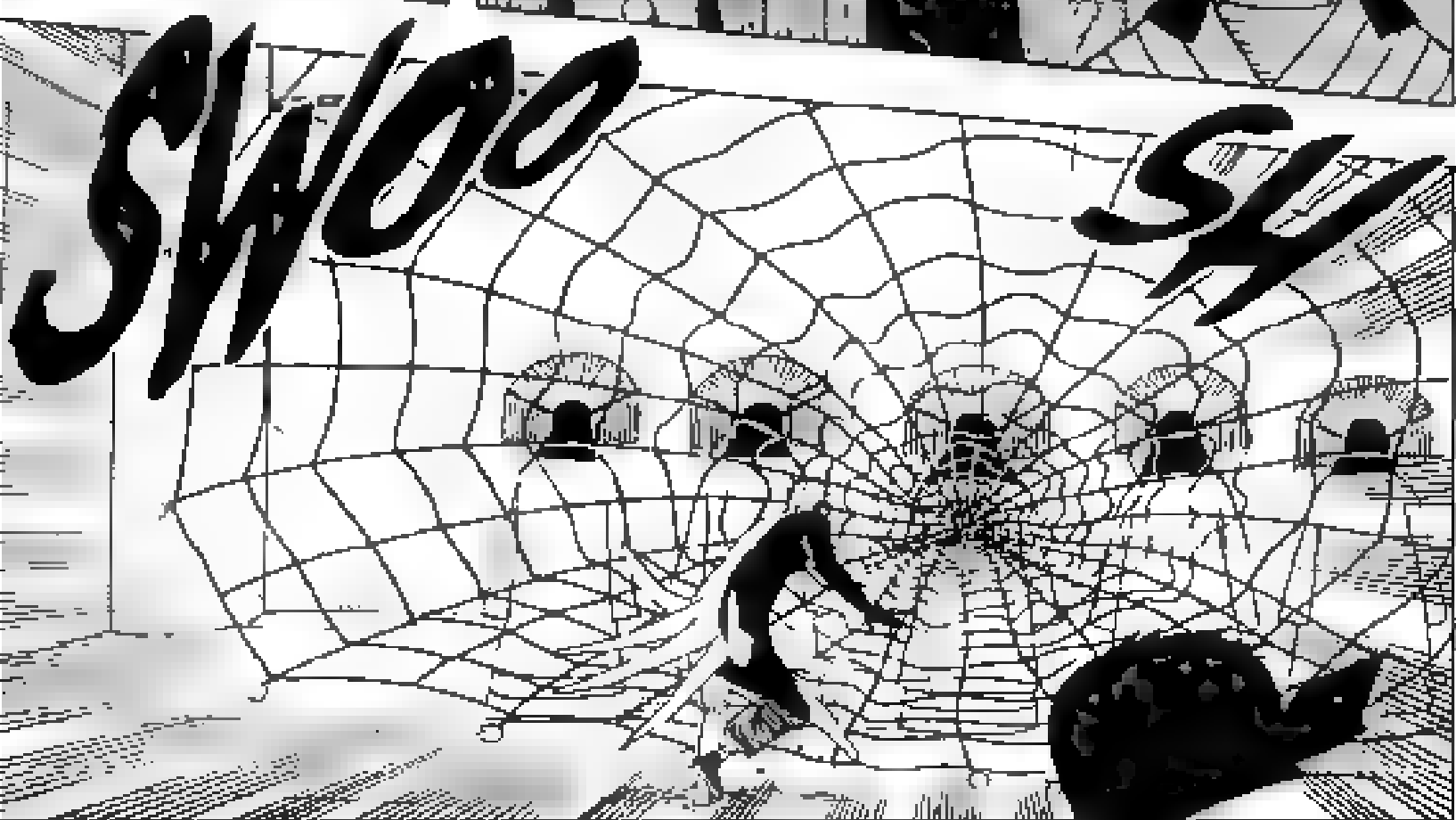



D-Unit's

Battle Challenge!!



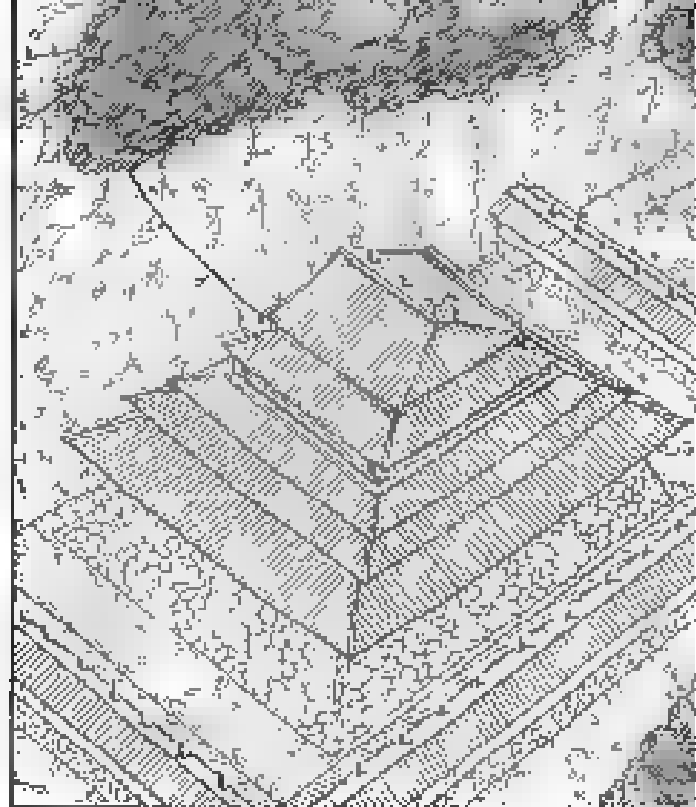






HOW ABOUT
LAND OF FIRE'S
KONOHAGAKURE,
LAND OF WIND'S
SUNAGAKURE,
LAND OF EARTH'S
IWAGAKURE,
LAND OF WATER'S
KIRIGAKURE, AND
LAND OF LIGHTNING'S
KUMOGAKURE
ALLIED SHINOBI
DECORATION.

AH, I'VE
THOUGHT
OF AN
EXCELLENT
ORDER
NAME!



THAT'S
UNFAIR!

WHY
IS LAND
OF FIRE
FIRST?



NO, NO,
THAT'S TOO
ABBREVIATED
AND DOESN'T
MEAN
ANYTHING.



WHY NOT
JUST THE
ALLIED
AWARD?!

TOO
LONG!



THEY DOLE OUT
THE HONORS AND
AWARDS IN KEEPING
WITH THE HIERARCHY
OF RESPECT THAT'S
COMPLETELY
NECESSARY IN
THESE TIMES.

WE
NEED TO
RESPECT
THEIR
ORDERS.

SOMEONE'S
GOT TO SET
THE STANDARDS.

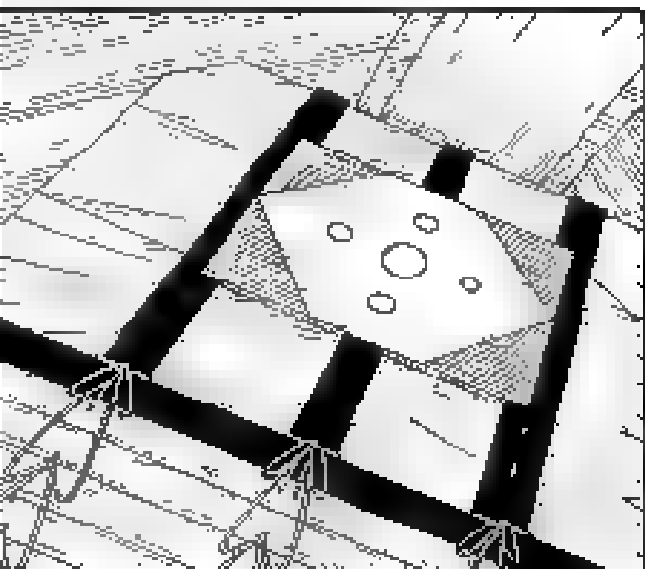


AWARDS
AND TITLES
WON'T REVIVE
OUR FALLEN
COMRADES.

THE DAIMYO
SEEM A BIT
OBLIVIOUS.

BUT
THAT'S
THEIR
JOB.

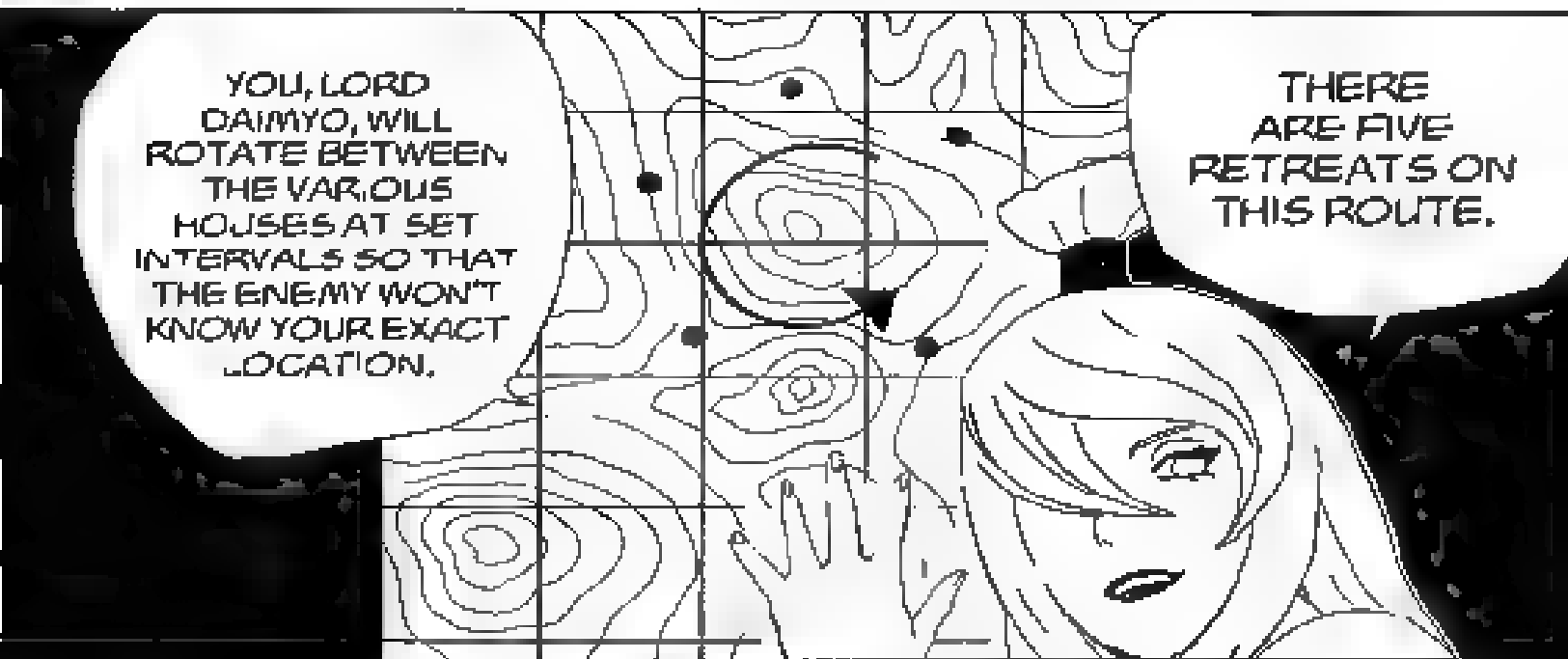




AND IF YOU
LOSE FOCUS
AND SPEND
TIME WORRYING
ABOUT NAMING
AWARDS, YOU
WON'T END UP
WITH ONE!

WELL, WHEN
YOU PUT IT
LIKE THAT...

DON'T LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN. WE'RE
GOING ON
THE MOVE
SOON



YOU, LORD
DAIMYO, WILL
ROTATE BETWEEN
THE VARIOUS
HOUSES AT SET
INTERVALS SO THAT
THE ENEMY WON'T
KNOW YOUR EXACT
LOCATION.

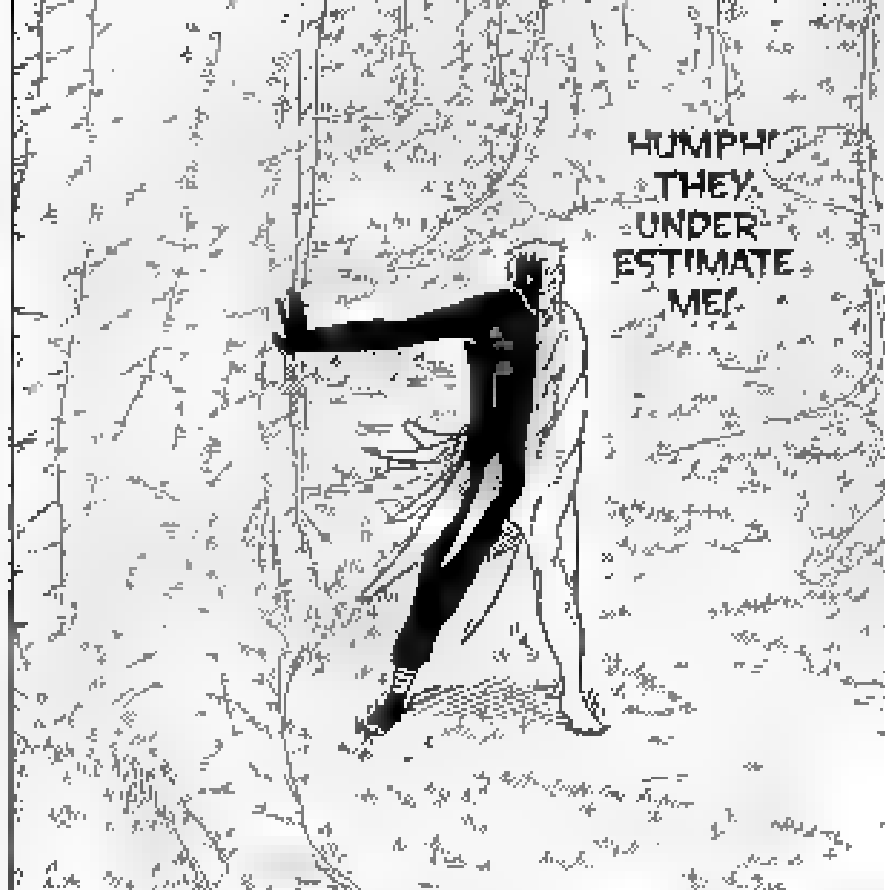
THERE
ARE FIVE
RETREATS ON
THIS ROUTE.



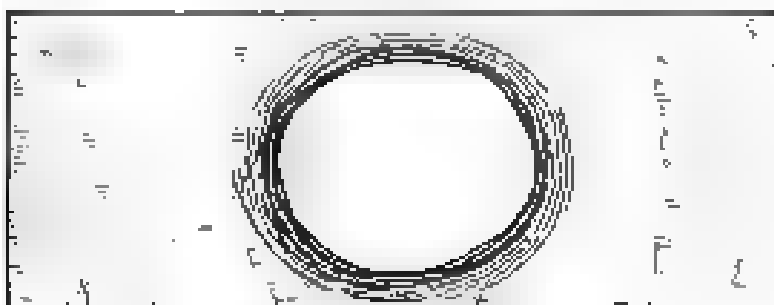
THAT
DOES SET
MY MIND
AT EASE.



YOUR
BODYGUARDS
ARE ALL
SEASONED
WARRIORS.



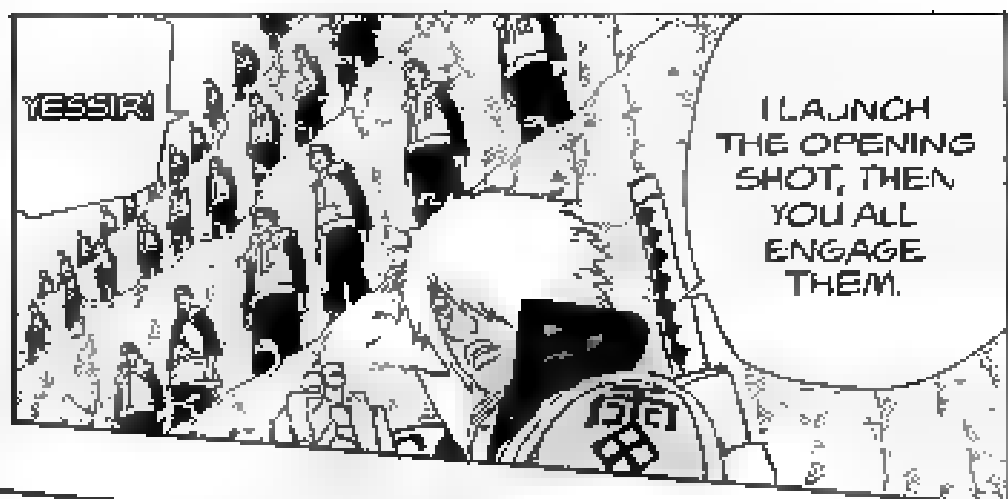
HUMPH!
THEY
UNDER
ESTIMATE
ME!



PSH



THIS LAND
IS ME.
I AM ONE
WITH IT!!





LORD
MURRAY
ONLY EVER
LET CAPTAIN
MURRAY GET A
TATTOO

BLACK
LIGHT
MURRAY



LIGHTNING
STYLE!
BLACK
PANTHER!!

RECOVER

ABOVE

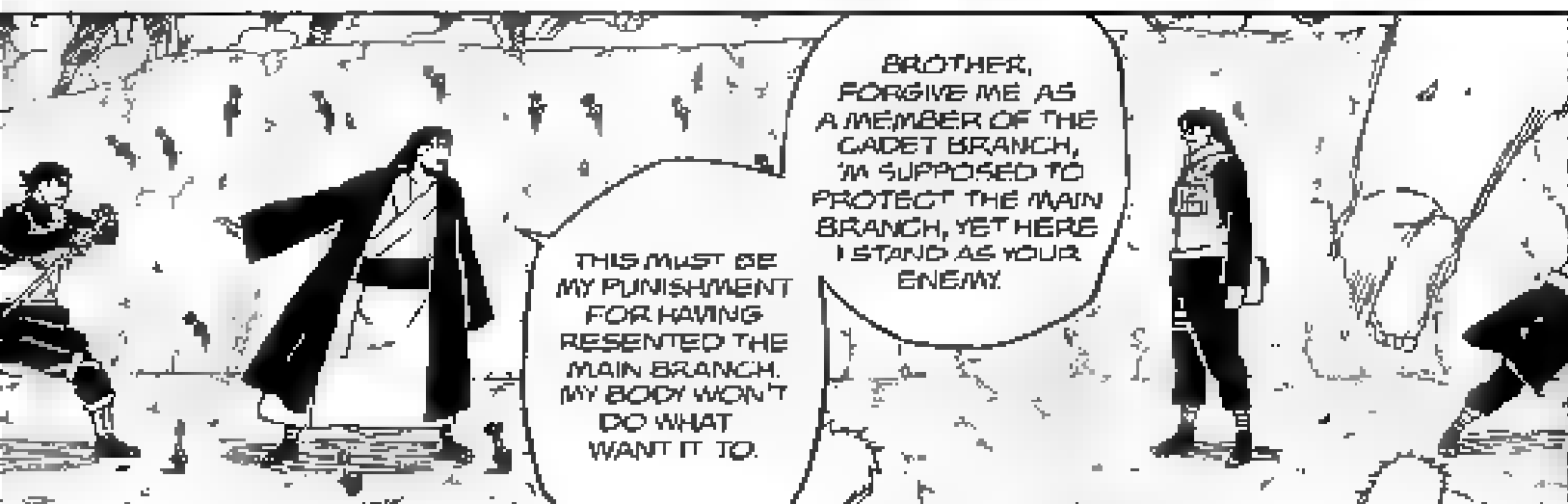
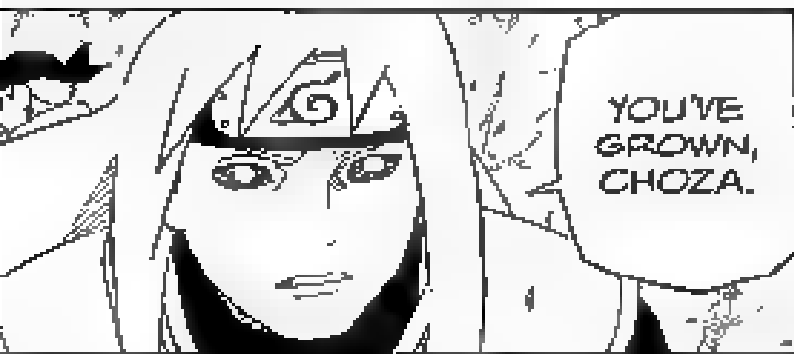
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THK

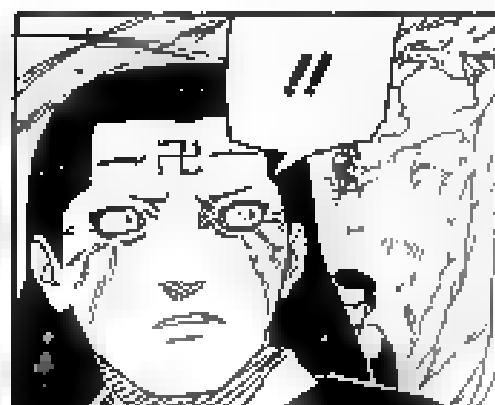
FET
FET
FET
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FET
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FET

THD

THD
THD
THD

GO—!!







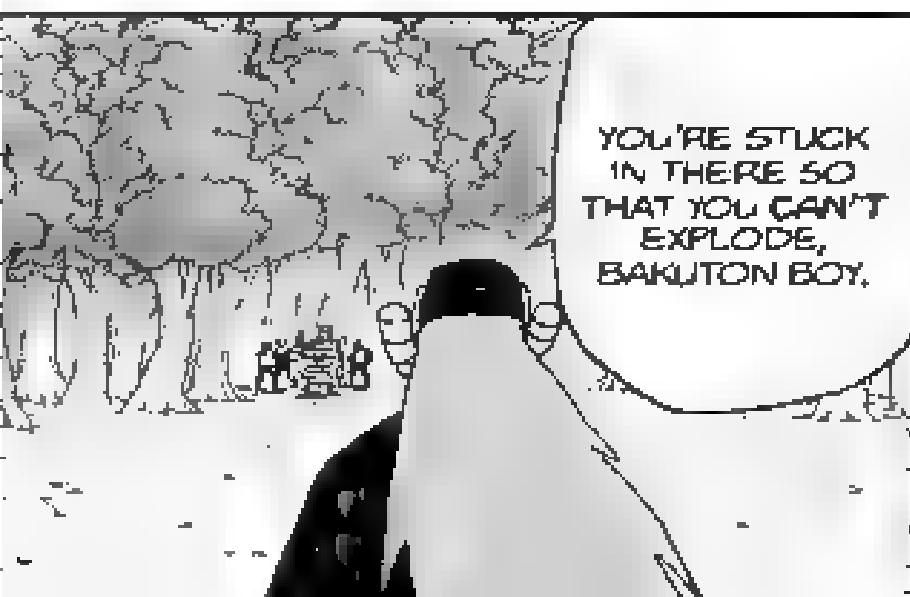
WELL
DONE,
KANKURO.

YOU'VE
OUTDONE
SASORI.



...AND...

GRANNY
CHIYO!

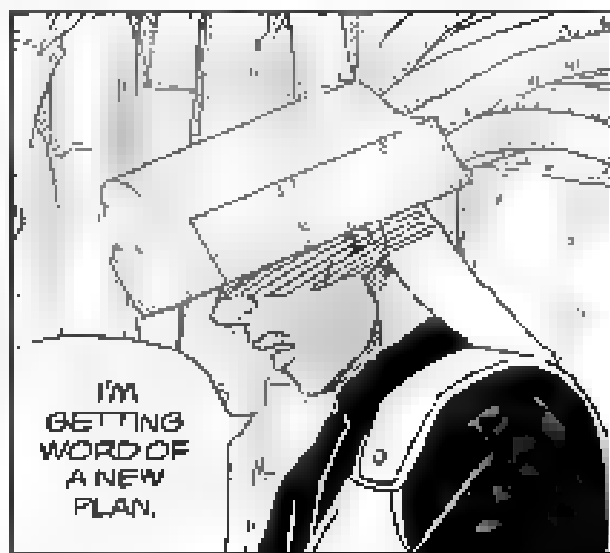
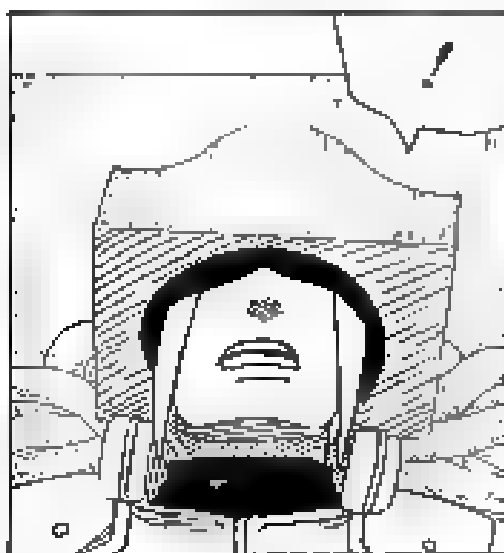
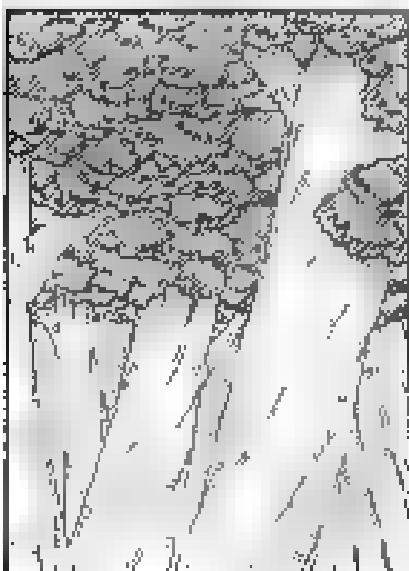
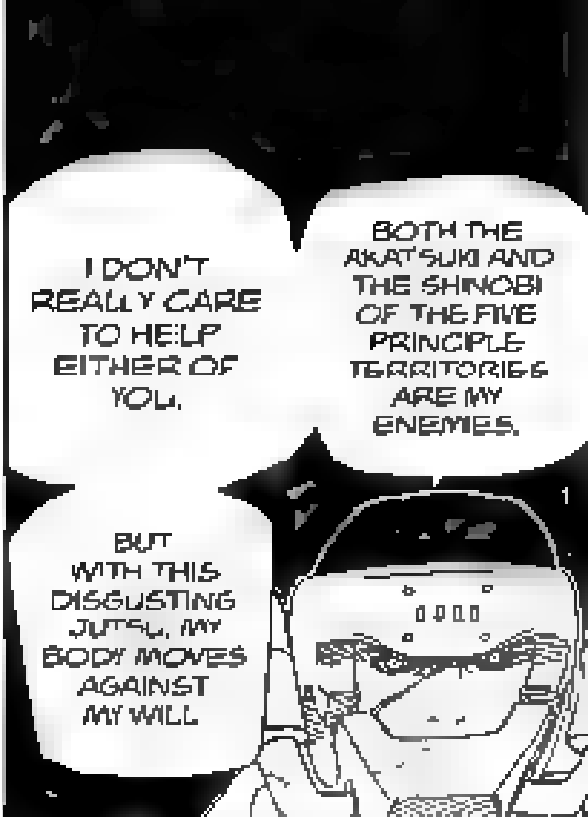


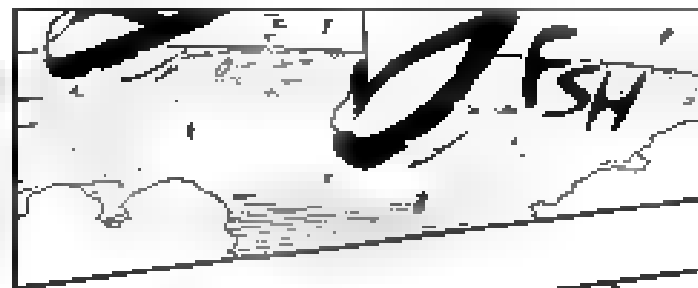
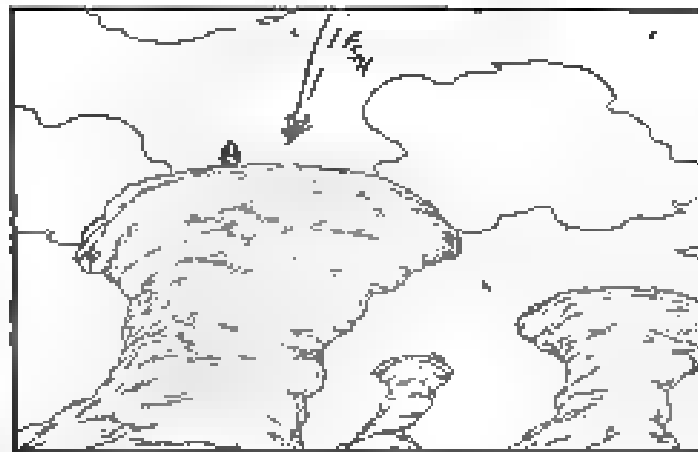
YOU'RE STUCK
IN THERE SO
THAT YOU CAN'T
EXPLODE,
BAKUTON BOY.



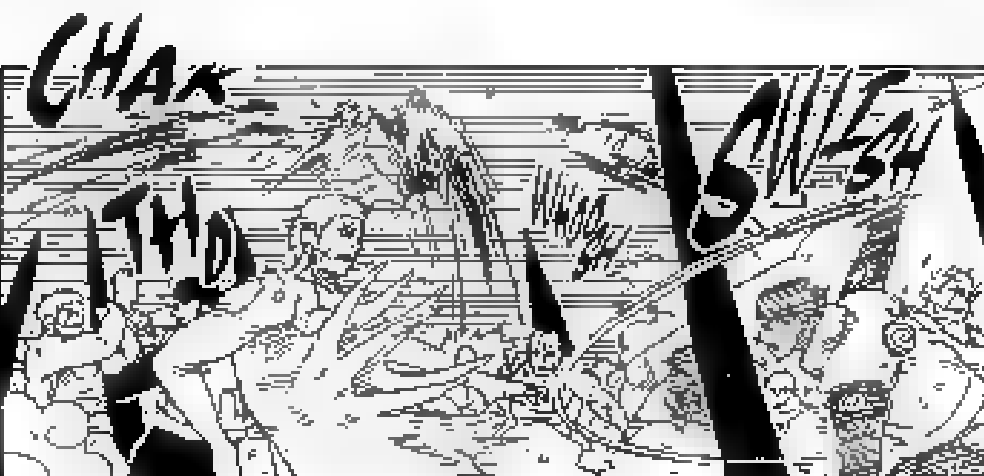
IT'S
STUFFY
CAN'T
YOU SEE
IN
ABOUT
TO EX-
PLODE,
HAAAA!

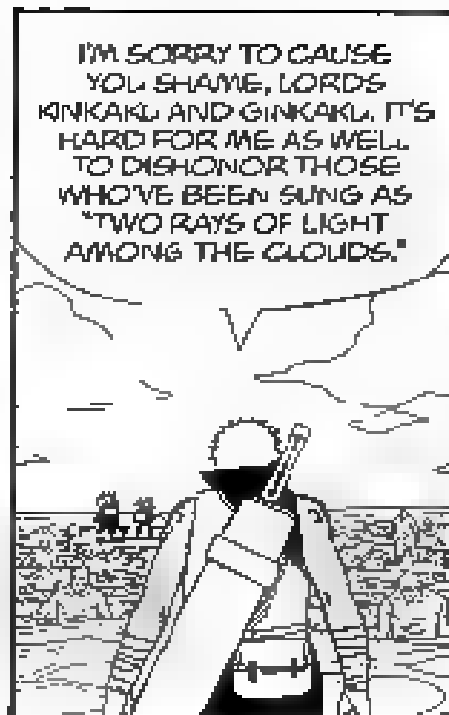
HEY!
REINFORCE-
MENTS!
GET ME OUT
OF HERE!

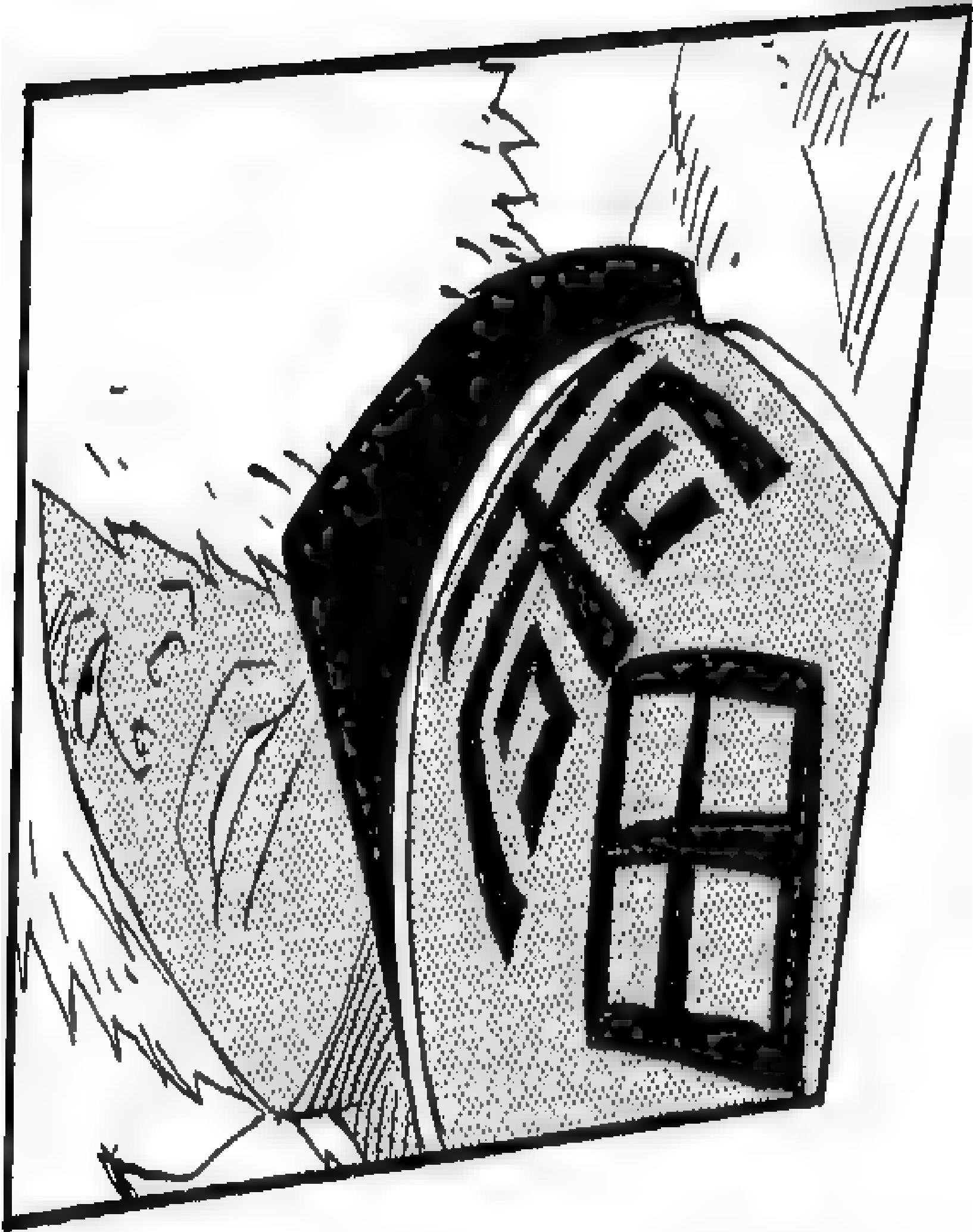




I'M GOING
TO RETRIEVE
HERE WHAT I
PREVIOUSLY
FORSOOK!!









TOO MUCH
TIME HAS
PASSED,

OUR
COMRADES
HAVE NEVER
HEARD OF
US.

I'LL SHUT
YOU UP!

I DON'T
LIKE YOUR
TONE
TOWARD
GREAT
SENPAI,

Number 527:-Forbidden Words



VOOSH

MISS
SAMUI.
ATSUI.

!!

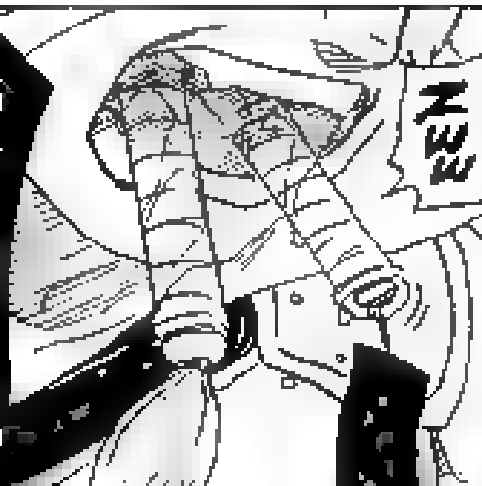
G-G-G-

TUP

TUP



SPLASH

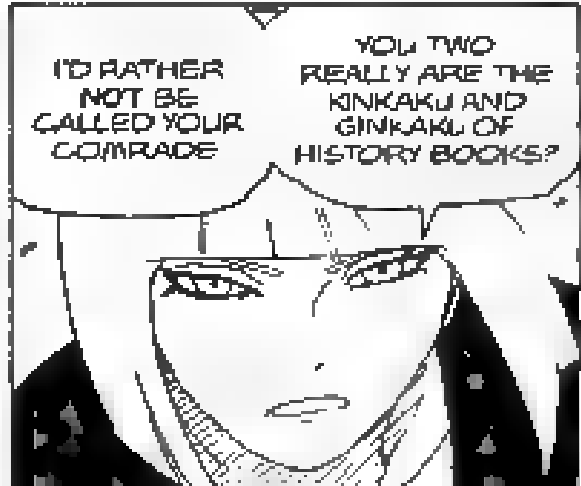


ZW



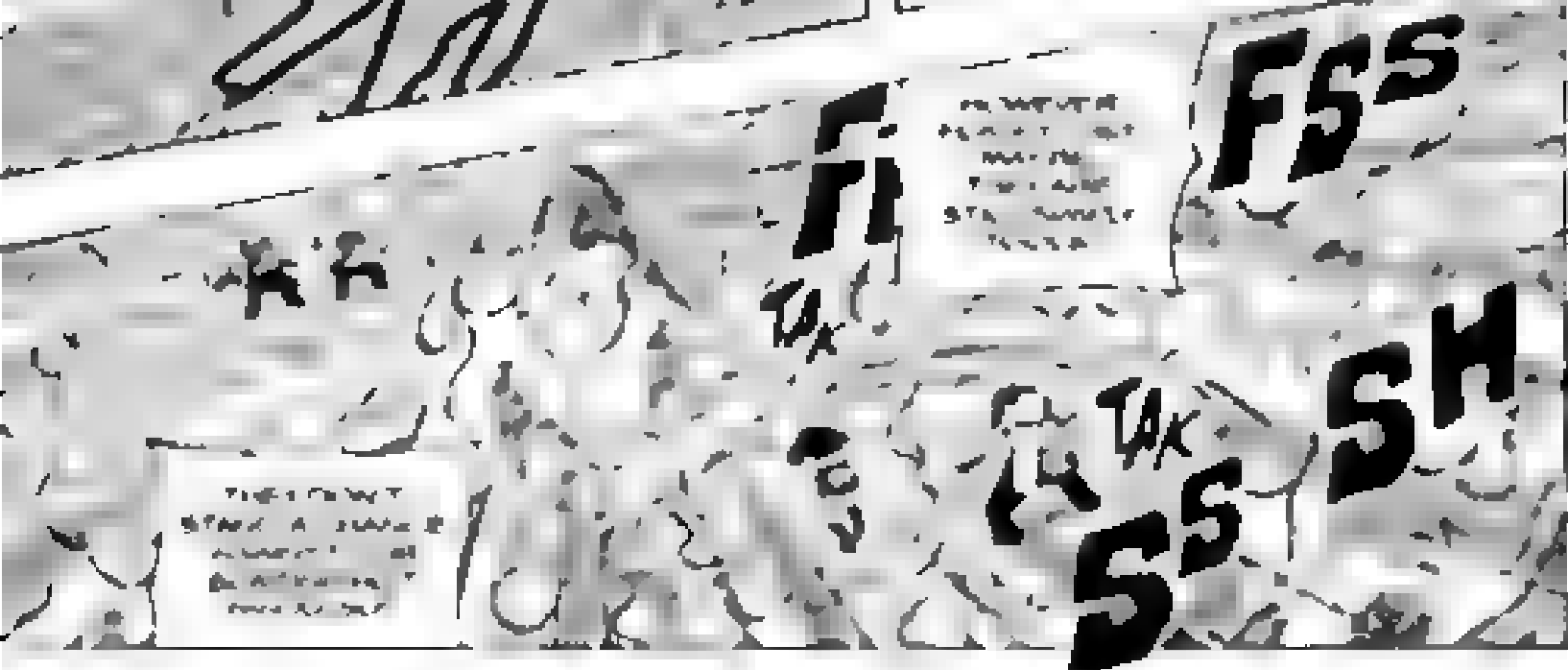
THOSE
TWO
REALLY
MUST BE
SOME
THING!

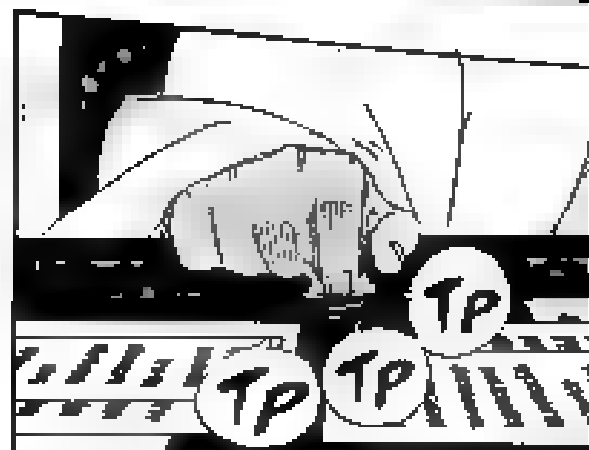
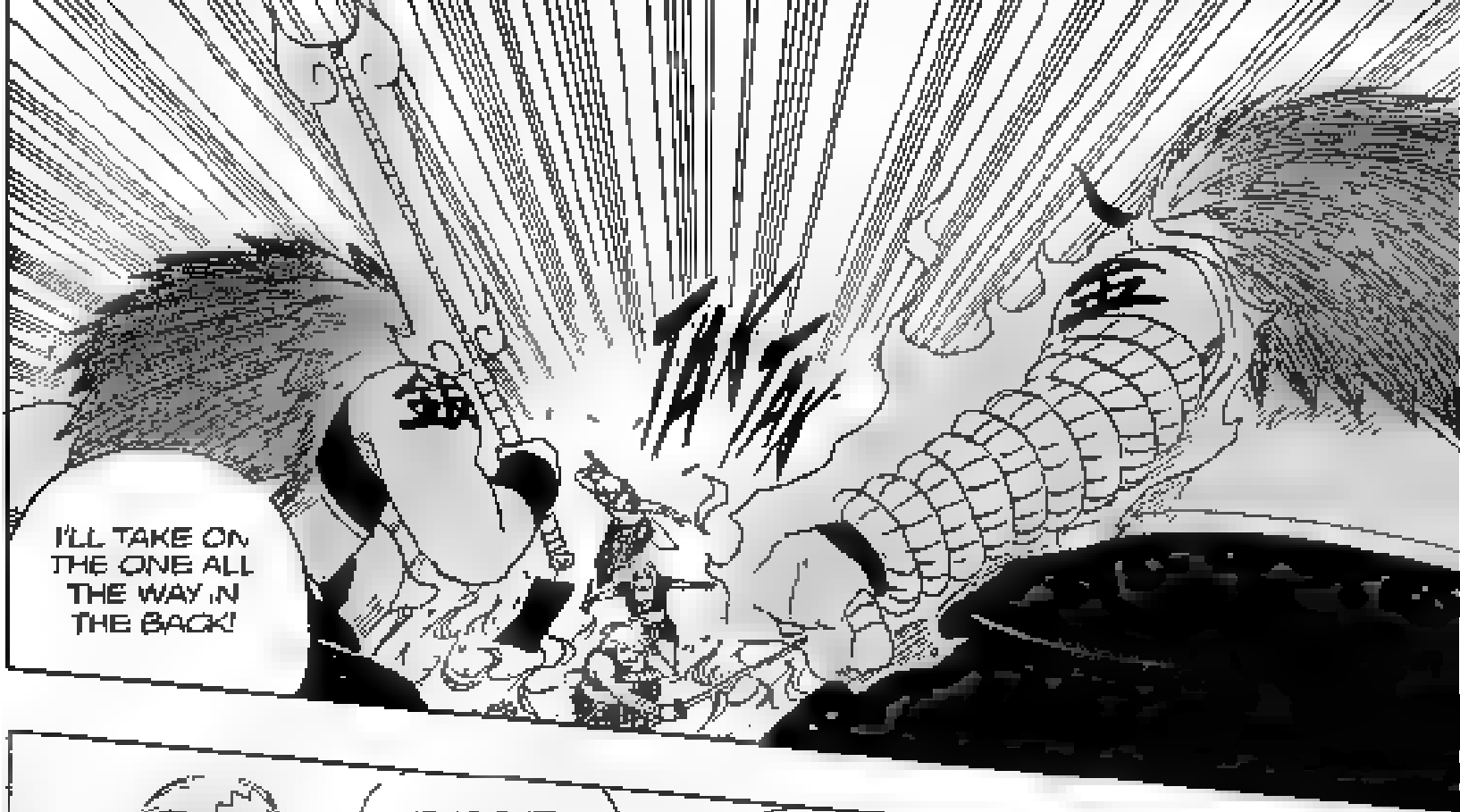
AAH!
THE USUALLY
COOL-HEADED
LADY'S RED-HOT
TODAY!



I'D RATHER
NOT BE
CALLED YOUR
COMRADE

YOU TWO
REALLY ARE THE
KINKAKU AND
GINKAKU OF
HISTORY BOOKS?







NINE TAILS THEN
DEVOURED THE
GOLD & SILVER
BROTHERS.

APPARENTLY
KUMOGAKURE
TRIED TO
CAPTURE
NINE TAILS.

THEY DROVE
THE SECOND
HOKAGE TO
THE BRINK OF
DEATH.

THEY WIELDED
THE FIVE
TREASURED
TOOLS OF
THE SAGE OF
SIX PATHS.

BUT I'D
NEVER HEARD
THAT THEY
POSSESSED
NINE TAILS
CHAKRA.



THEY
DRAIN SUCH
A MASSIVE
VOLUME OF
CHAKRA THAT
MOST WHO
TRY DIE

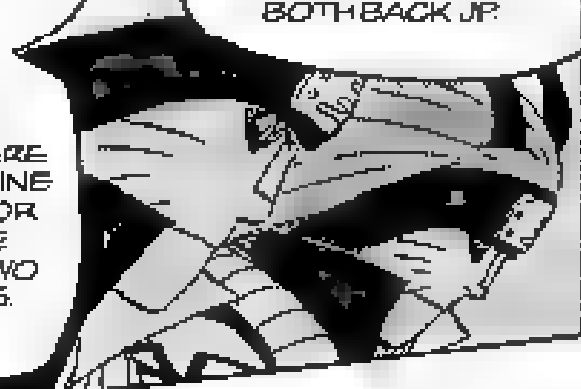
NO
ORDINARY
HUMAN
CAN WIELD
THOSE
TREASURED
TOOLS.

THAT'S
QUITE A
FAR-
FETCHED
TALE.

SINCE THEN,
THEY'VE
BOTH BORNE
NINE TAILS
CHAKRA.

BUT THEY WERE
SO UNRULY THAT
NINE TAILS FINALLY
COULDN'T STAND IT
ANYMORE AND
VOMITED THEM
BOTH BACK UP.

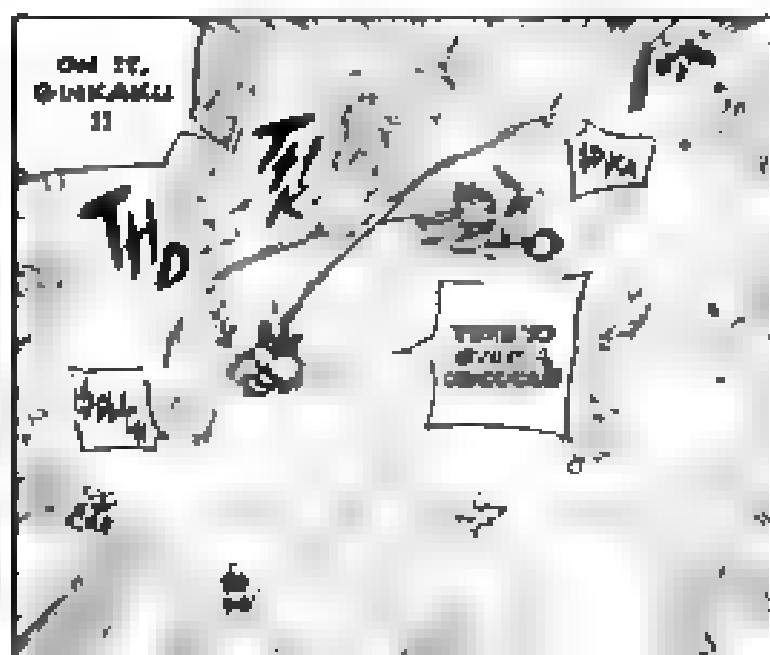
THEY WERE
INSIDE NINE
TAILS FOR
MORE
THAN TWO
WEEKS.

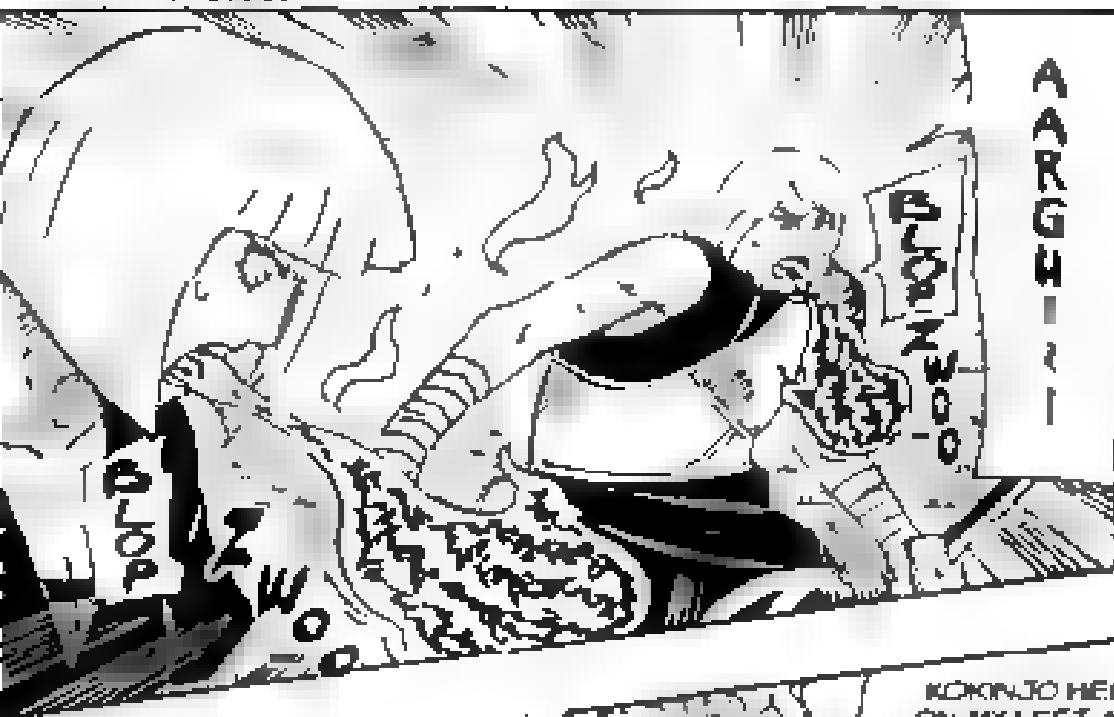


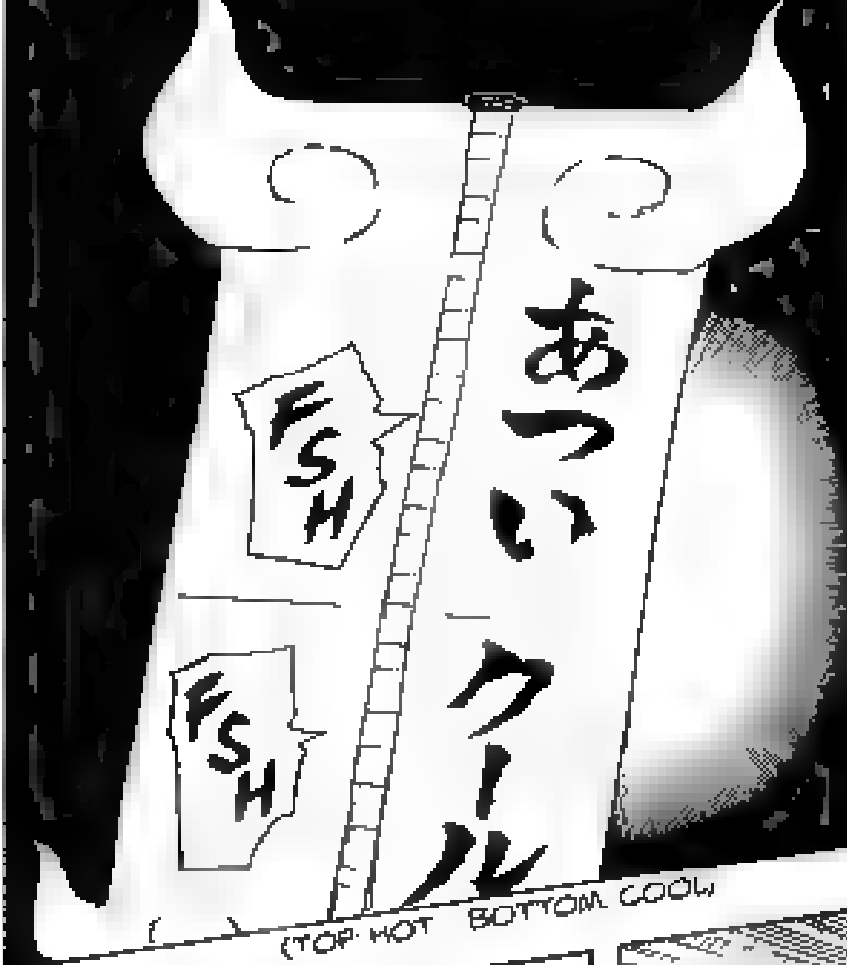
BUT THEY
ARE NOW MORE
LIKE MONSTERS,
INFUSED WITH
THE CHAKRA OF
THE NINE-TAILED
BEAST!

UGH!

WAK!







(TOP HOT BOTTOM COOL)





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!



I TOLD YOU TO LET ME FINISH!

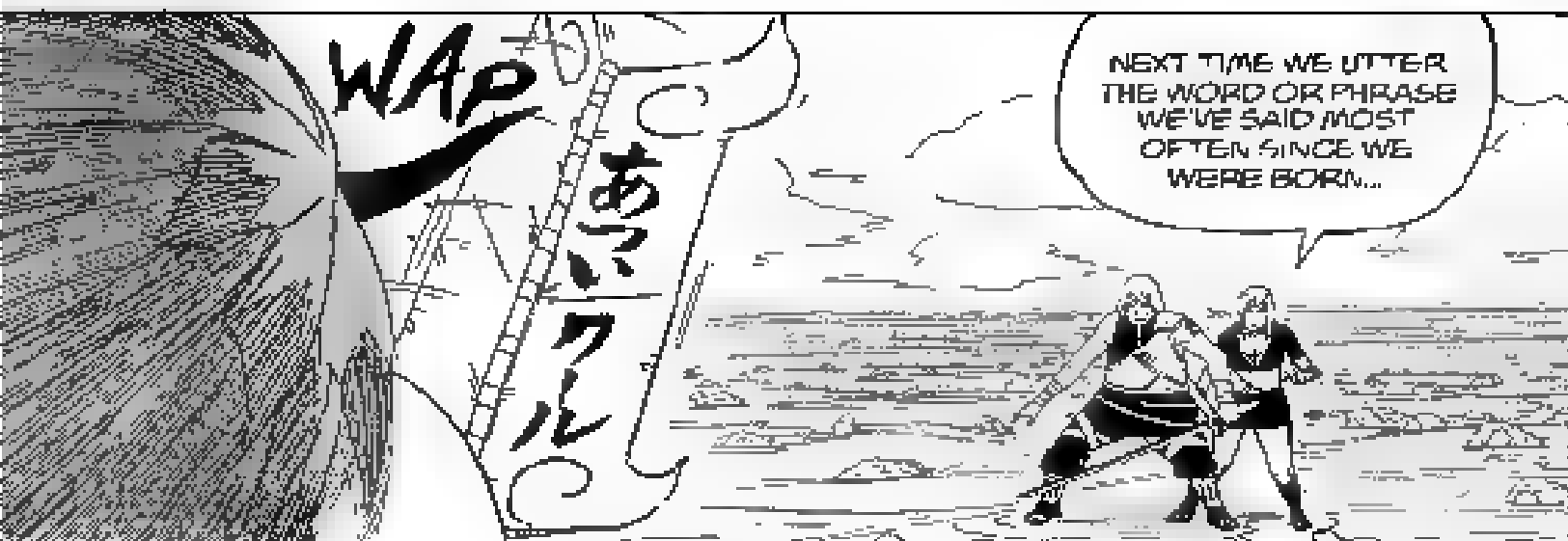
LISTEN, YOU CAN'T SPEAK CARELESSLY FROM THIS POINT ON.

?!



OUR SPIRIT WORDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE.

ATSUI AND HAVE A CURSED JUTSU AND SEALING JUTSU CAST AGAINST JS.



NEXT TIME WE UTTER THE WORD OR PHRASE WE'VE SAID MOST OFTEN SINCE WE WERE BORN...

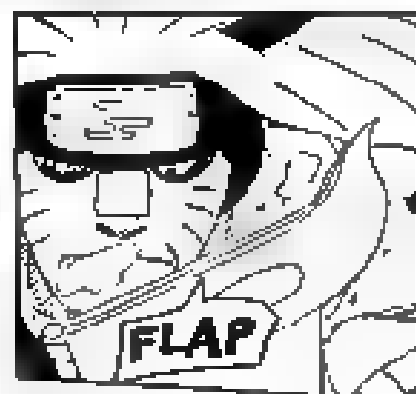


SEEMS LIKE AS TIME PASSED, ALL SORTS OF SECRETS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.

MY, AREN'T WE KNOWLEDGEABLE.



WE'LL BE TRAPPED INSIDE THAT GOURD.





UNSH!

!!



?!!

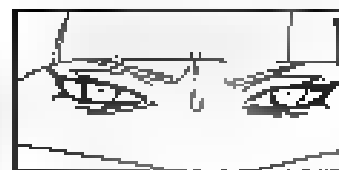
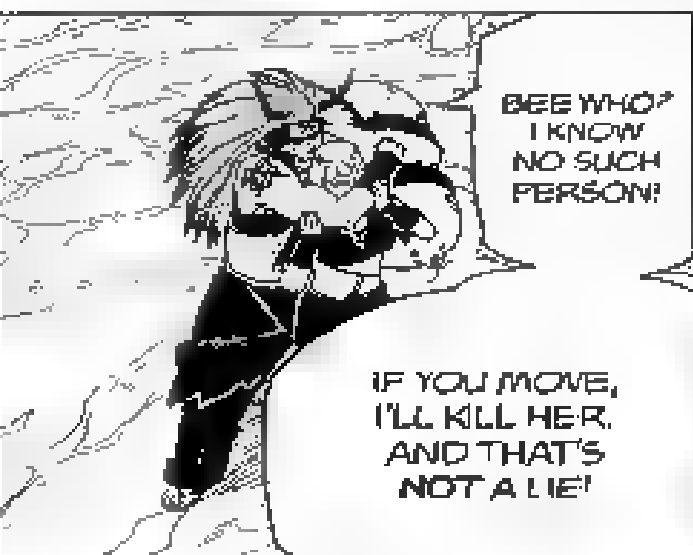


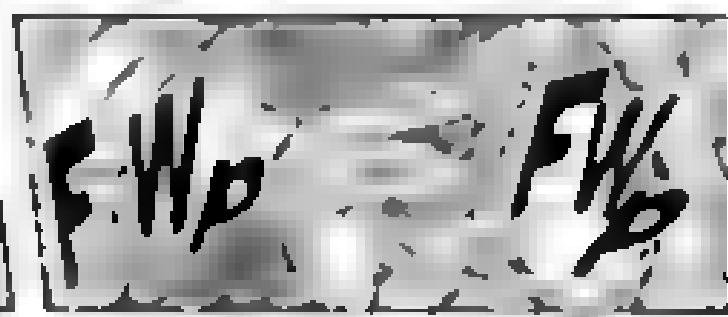
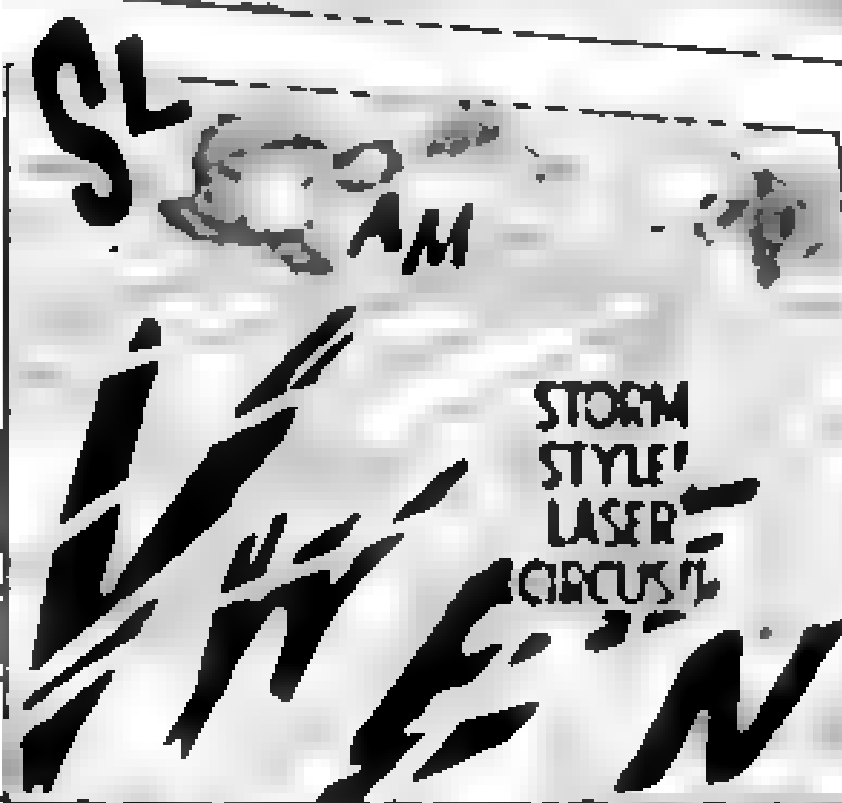
YOU FOOL!



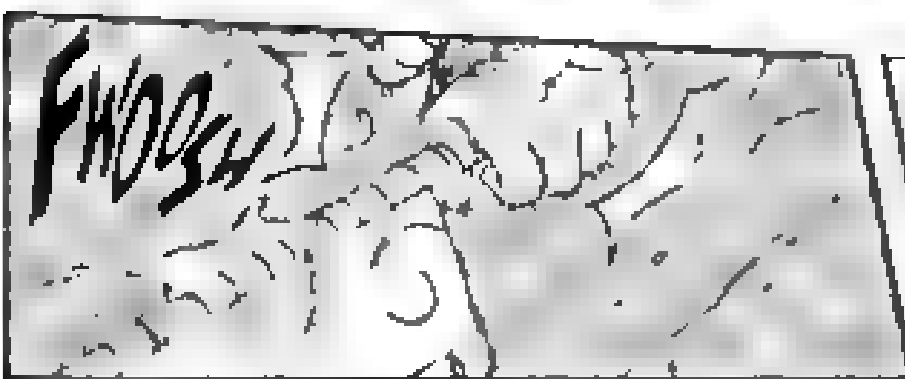
O-OWW,
THAT'S
HOT!!

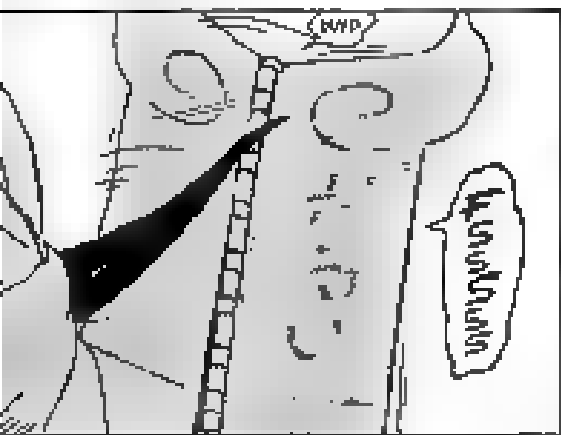




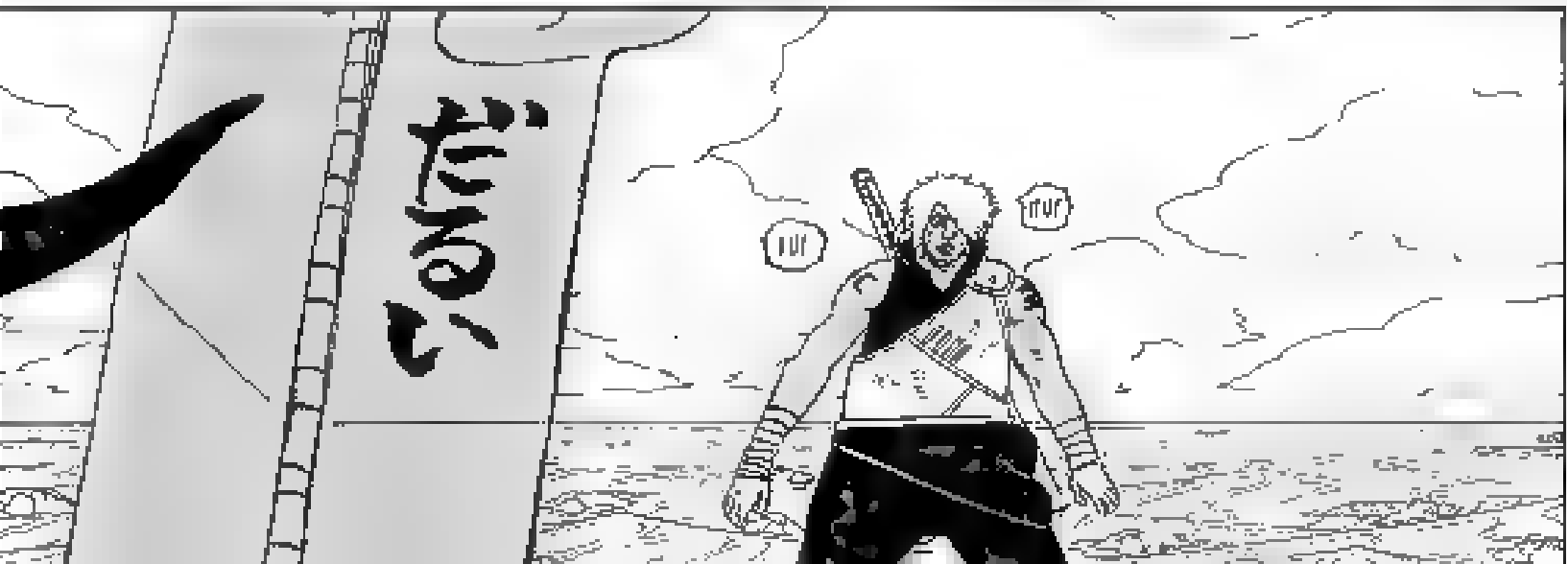






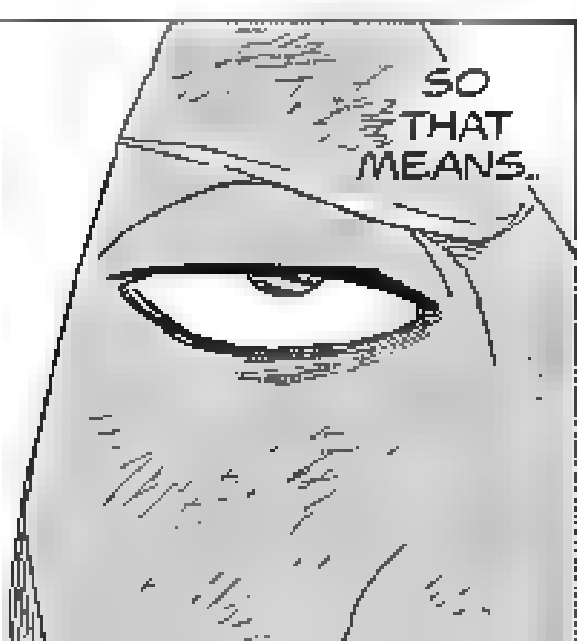
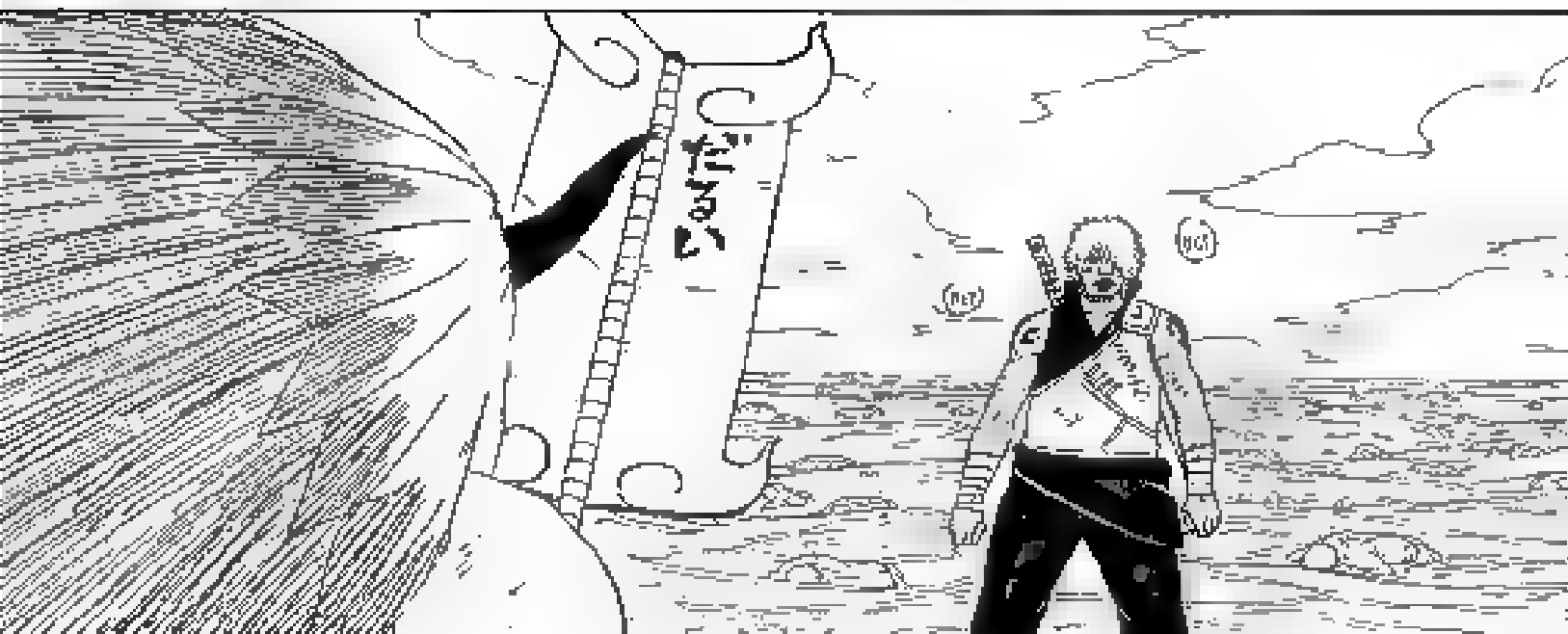


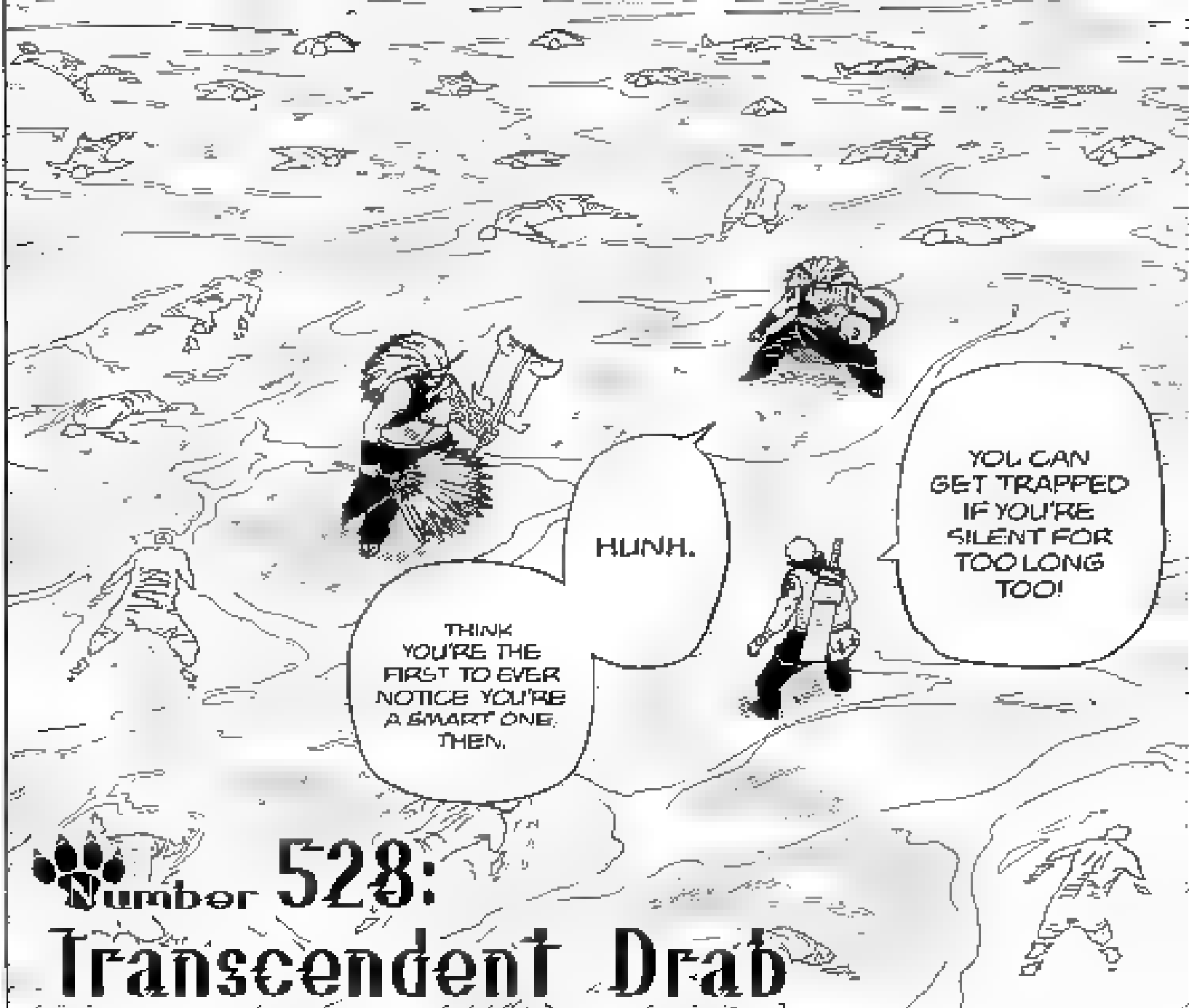
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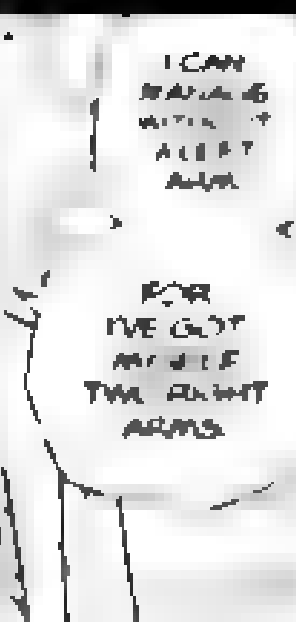
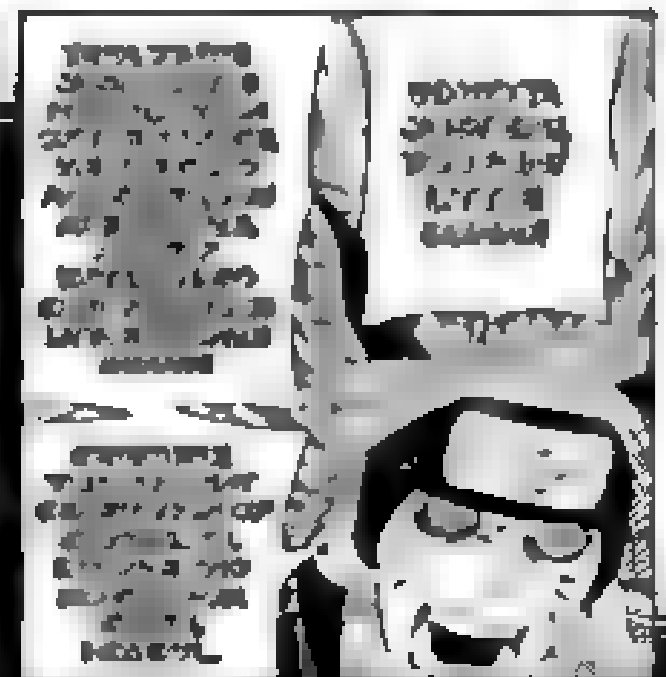
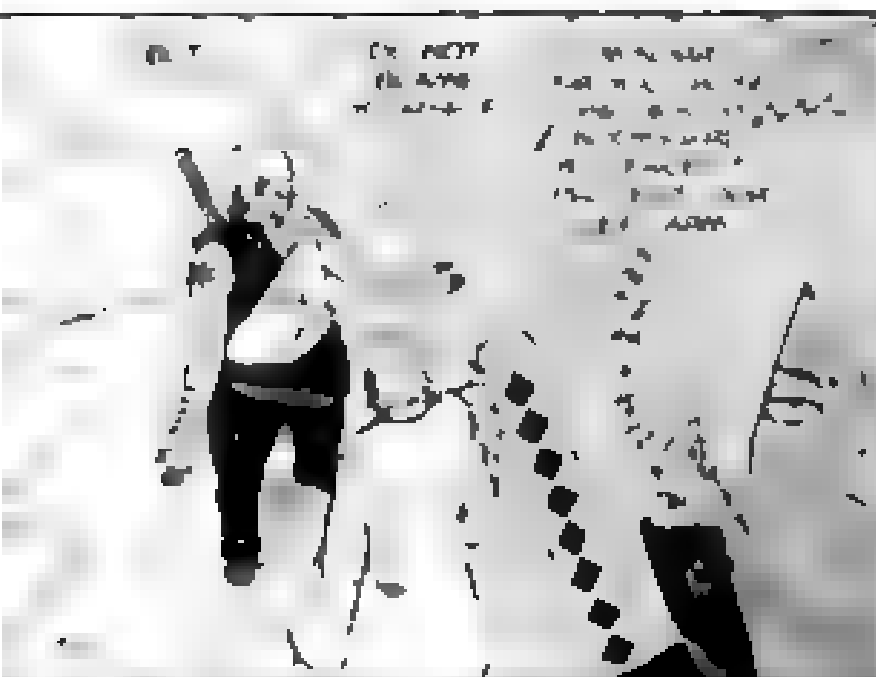
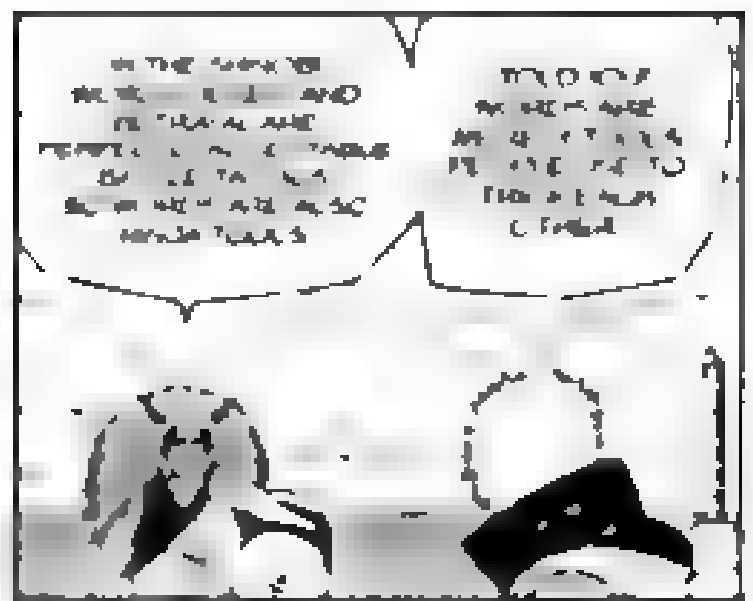




Number 528: Transcendent Drab









WELL,
ALL RIGHT
THE MORE
THE
MERRIER,
EH.

WHY NOT
INCLUDE
CEE, TOO,
AND GIVE
YOURSELF
A THIRD?



...AND
YOU.



NOT
SOME
TIMID
RABBIT!

I'M BOSS'S
COURA-
GEOUS
RIGHT-
HAND
MAN.



DNK

?!!

HEY,
GINKAKU.

WHAT?
DID I SAY
H

FOOB

WHY?
I DIDN'T
SAY
DRAB

GET
BENIHISAGO
READY.

NO!!

DRAB

NOT
SOME
TIMID
RABBIT

!!

TWO

0005TH

BEING YOUR
RIGHT HAND
MAN MADE
ME SO
PRICK

SORRY,
BOSS

AM I
NOT A
MAN

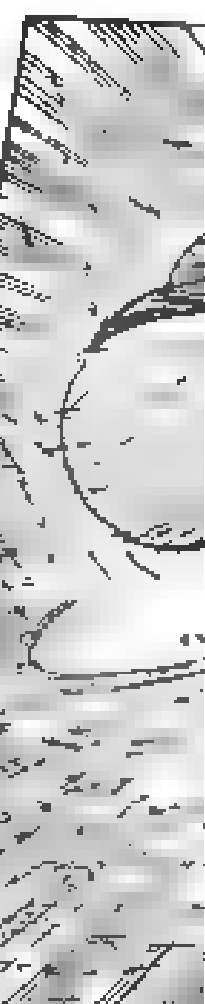
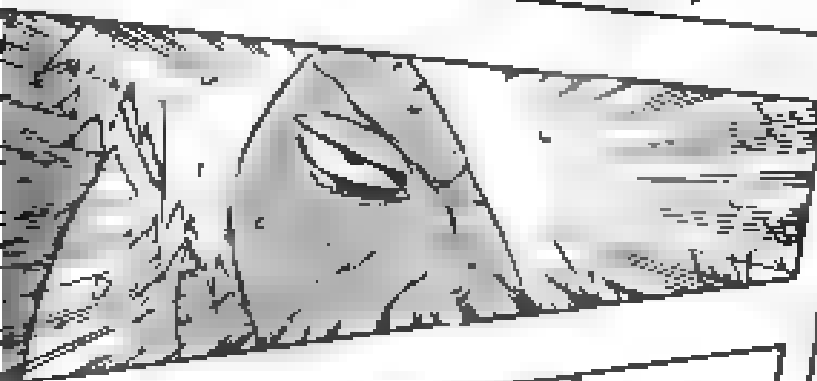
YOU
TO EN
ALL
IN PA
IN A
IT



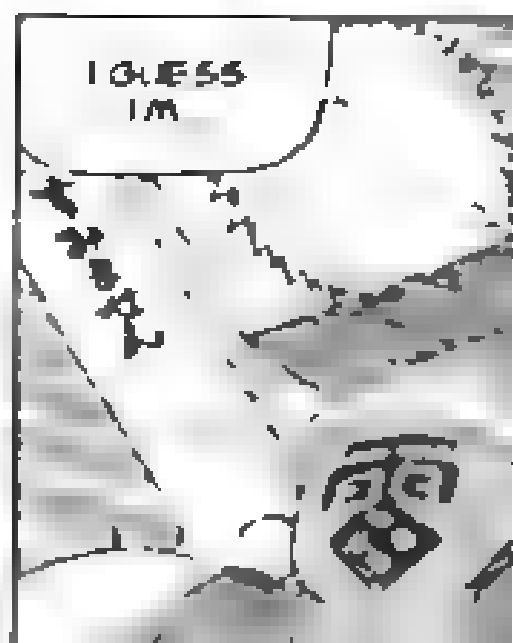
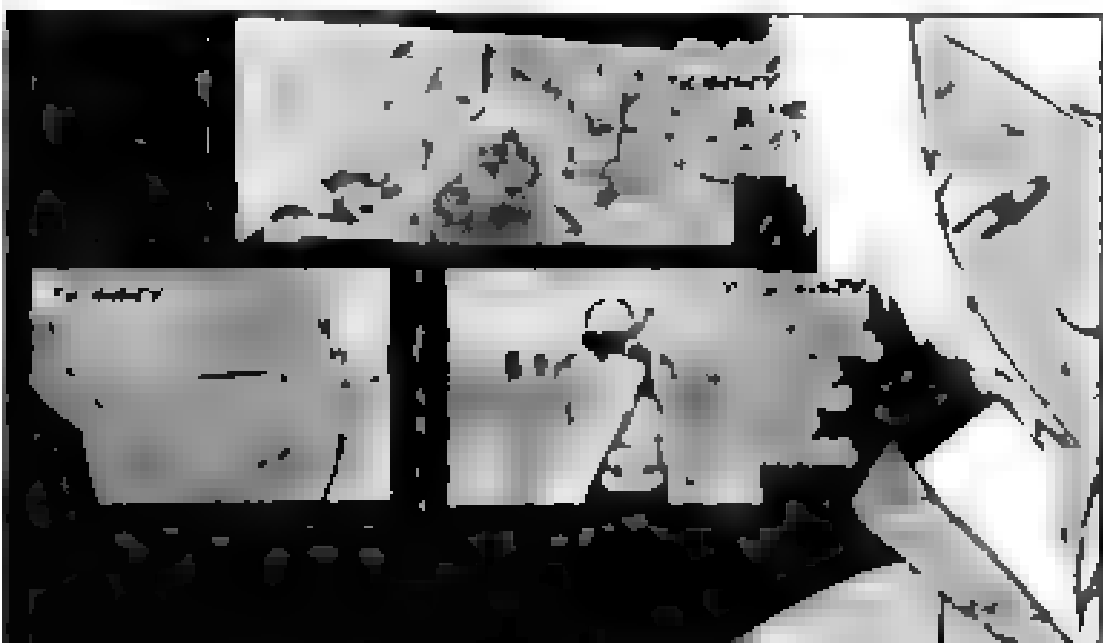
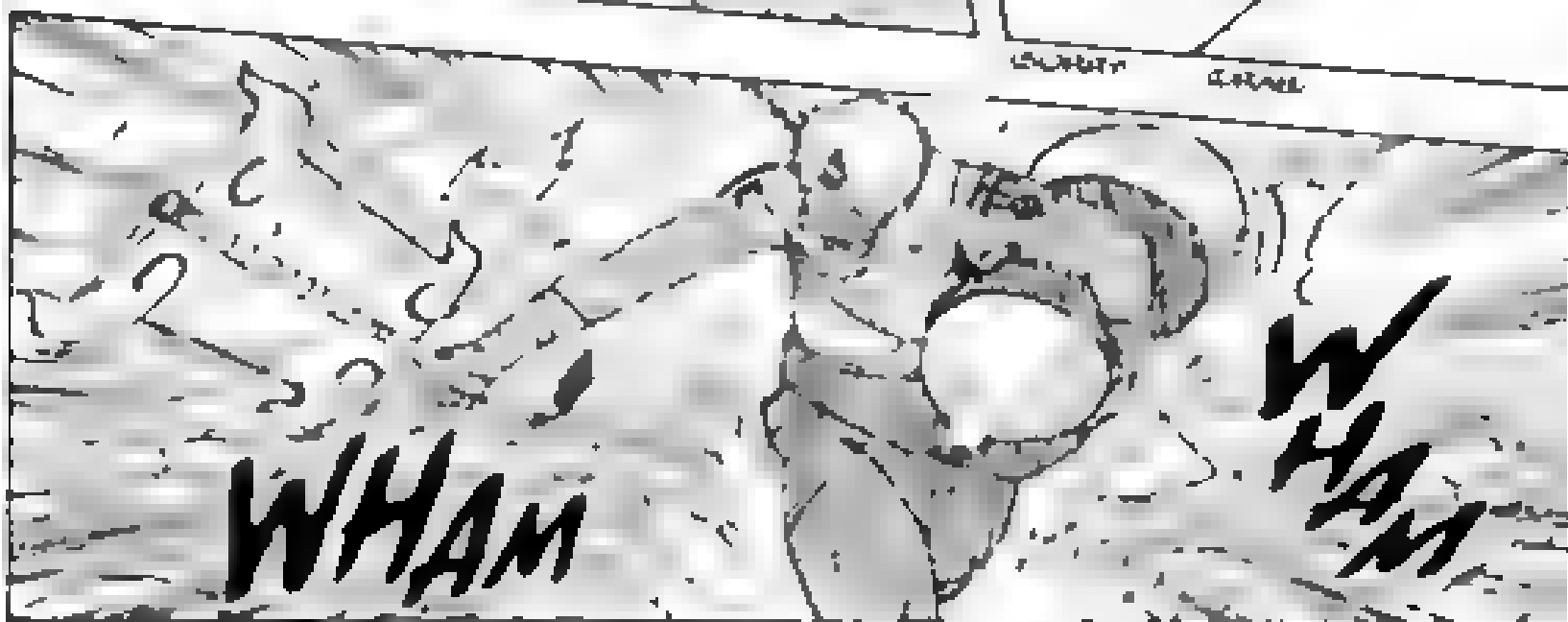
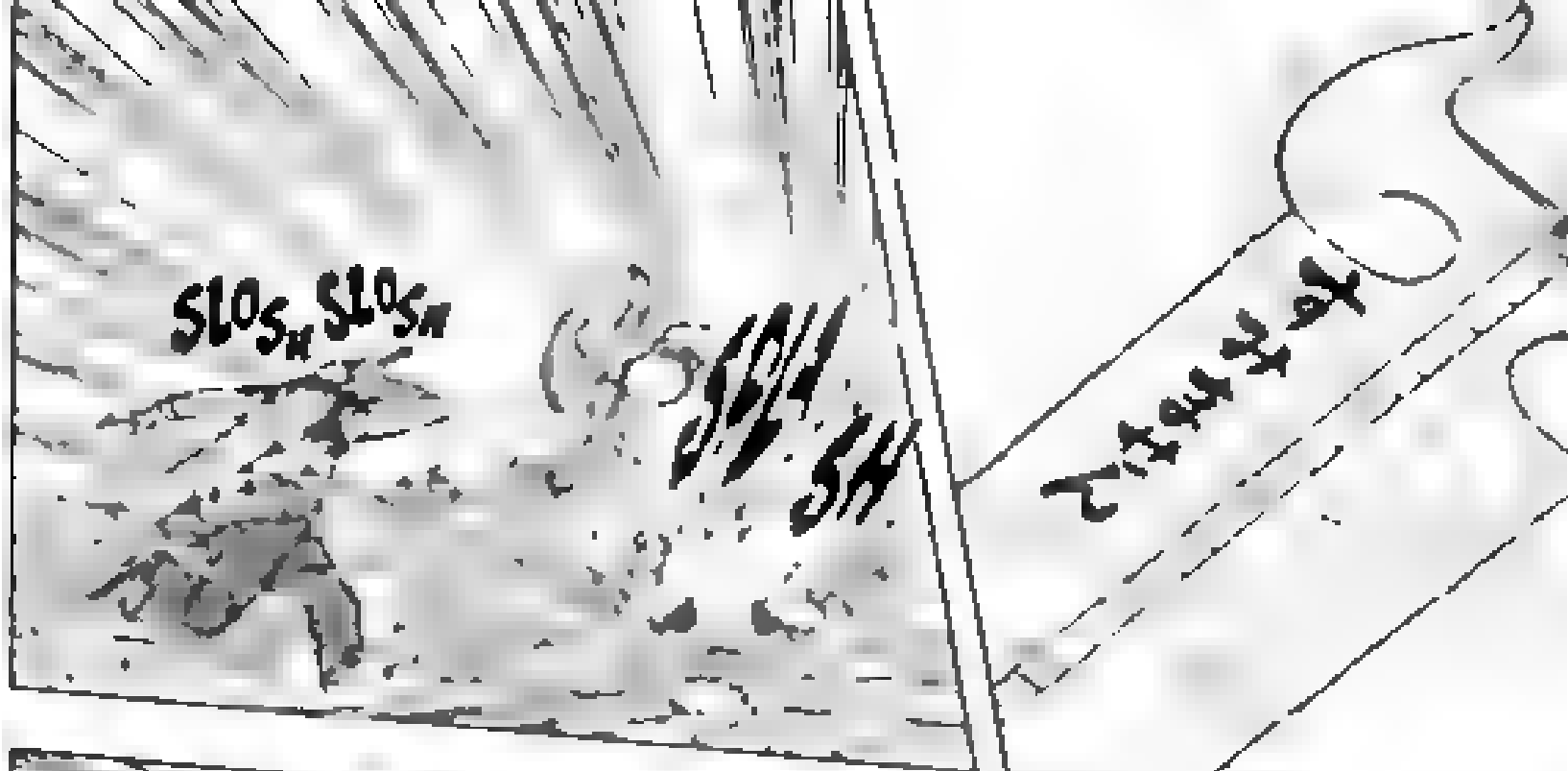
TWO THK
G-G-G-THK

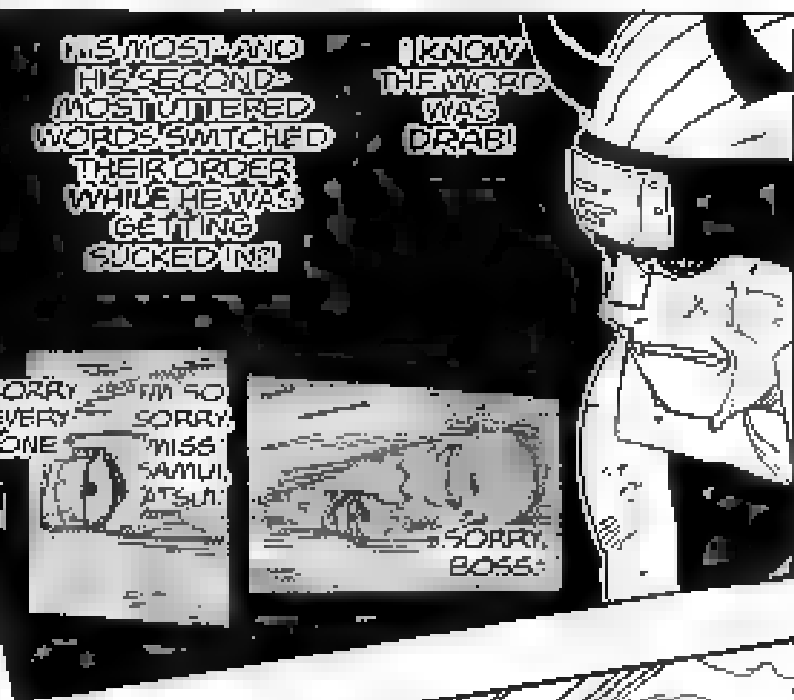
THK THK THK
G-G-G-THK

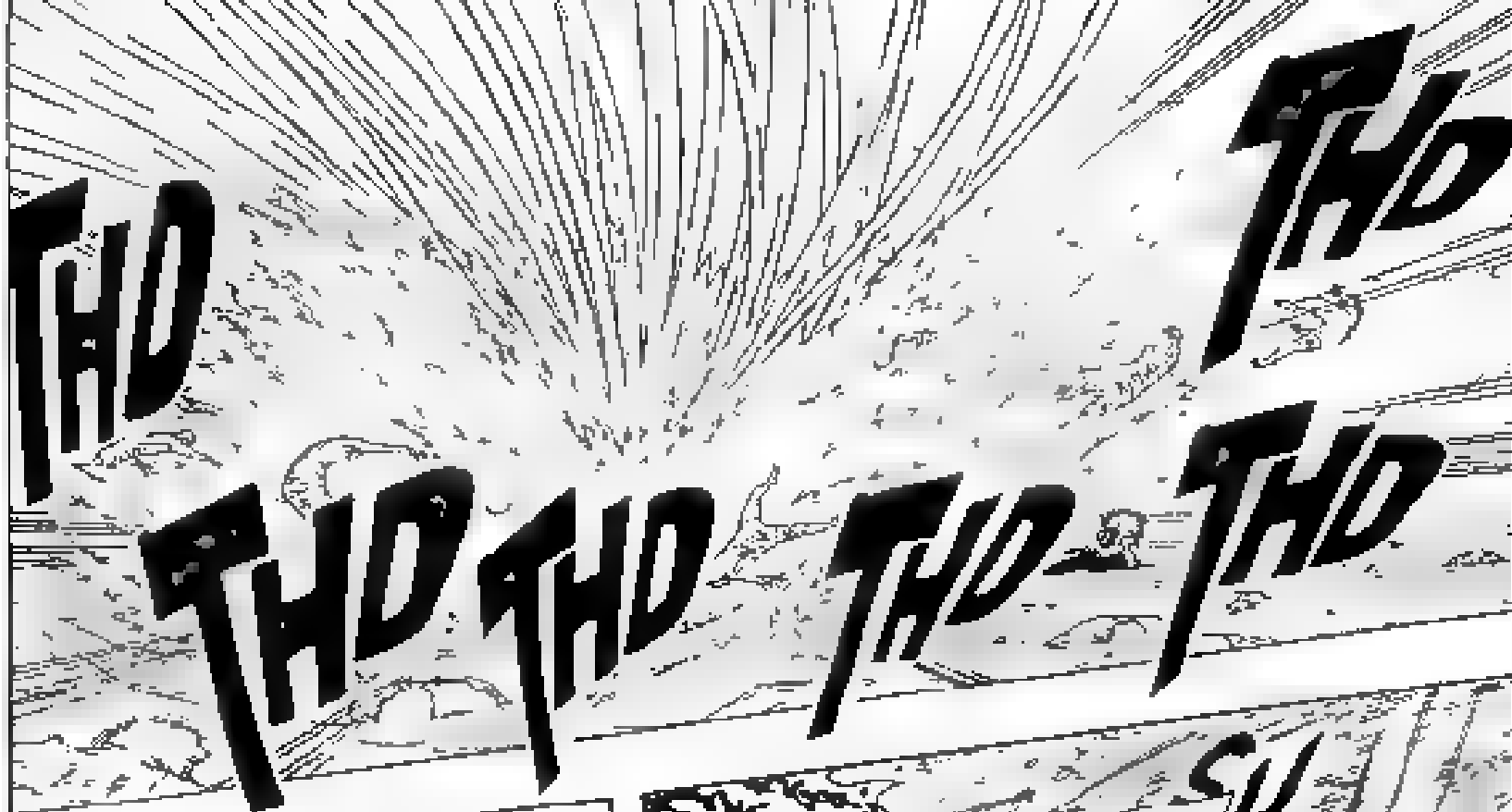


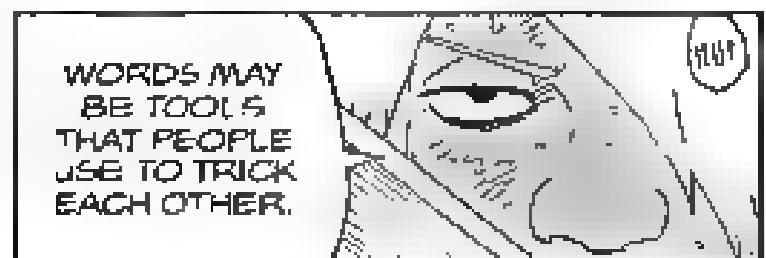
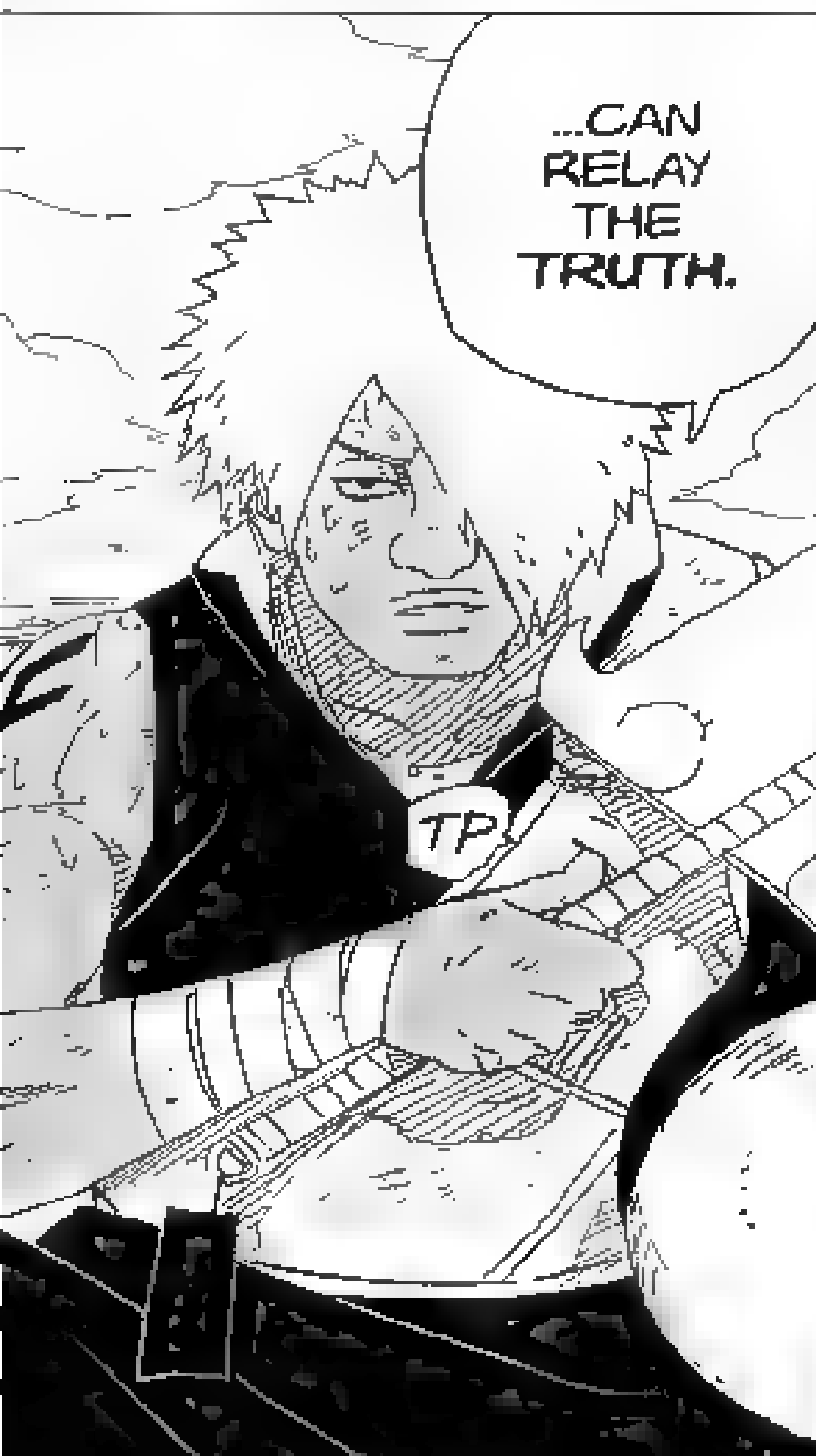
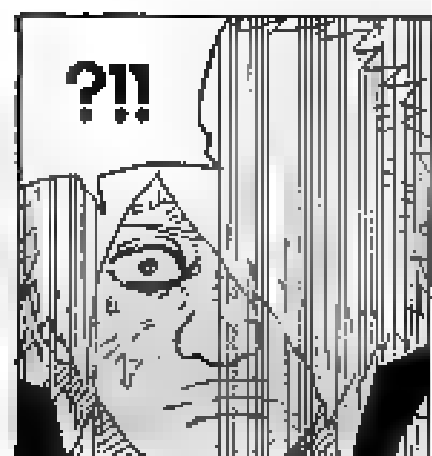
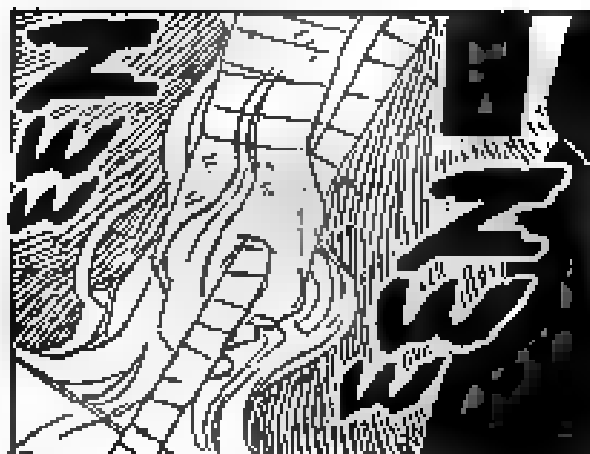
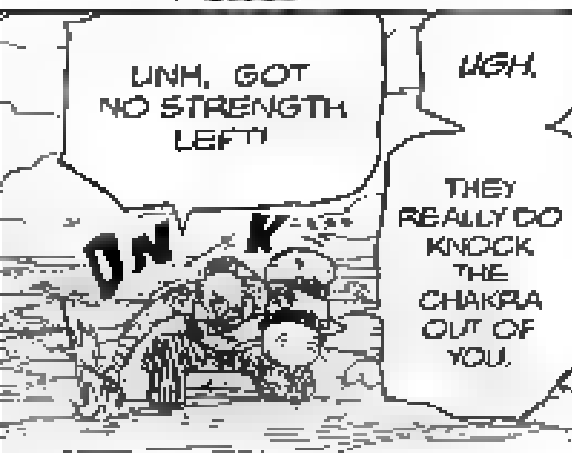


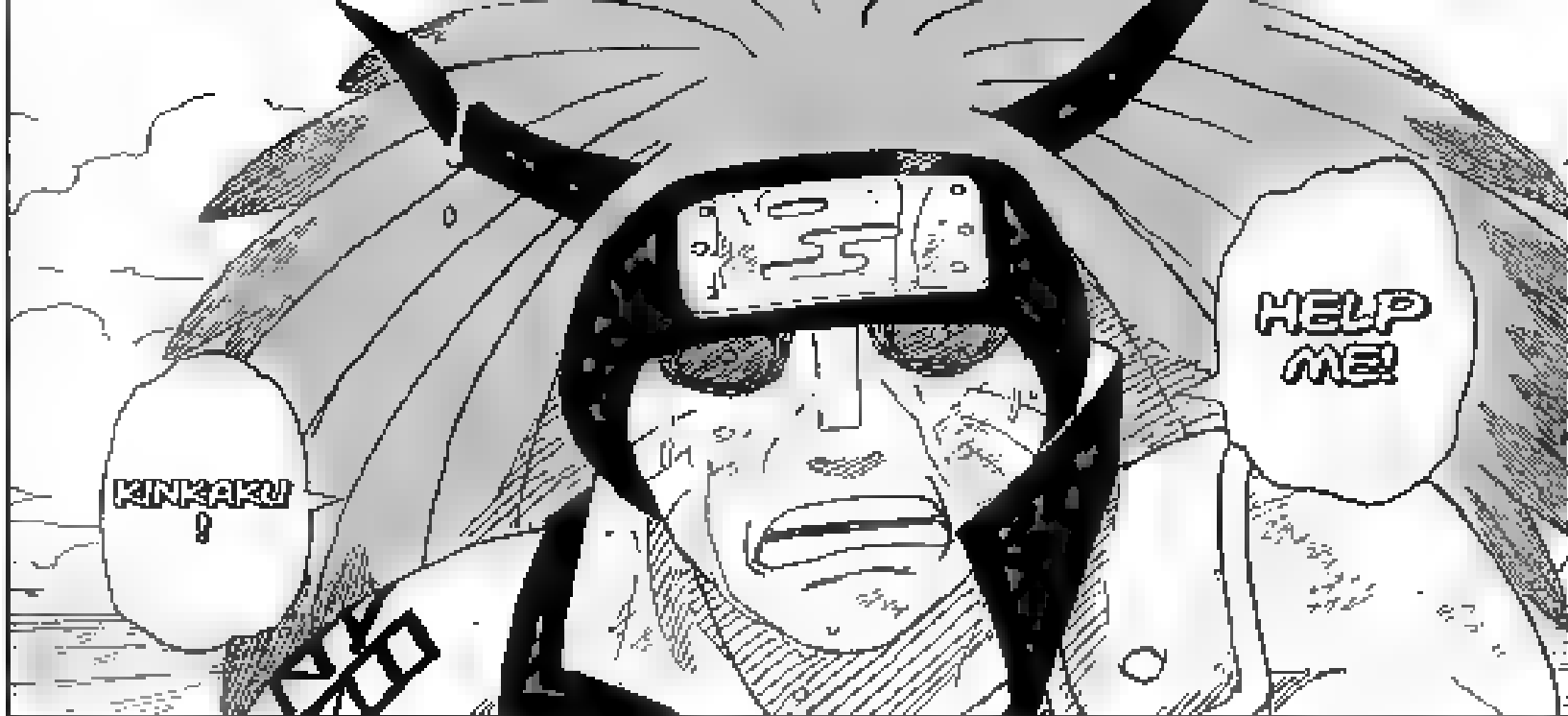


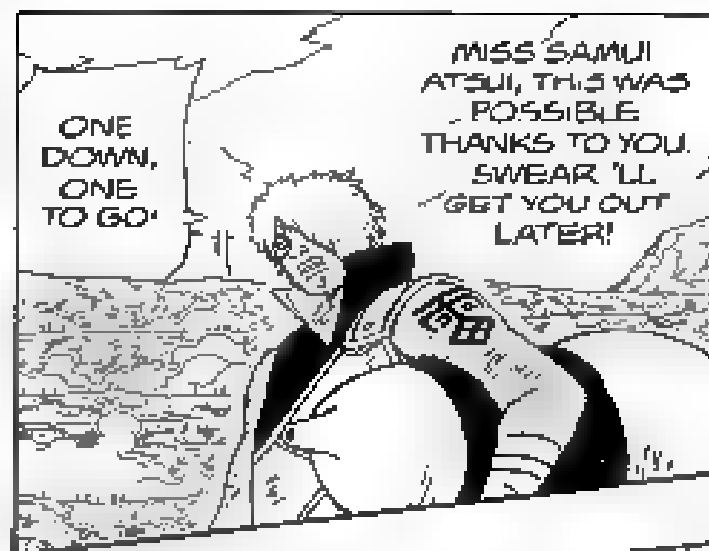






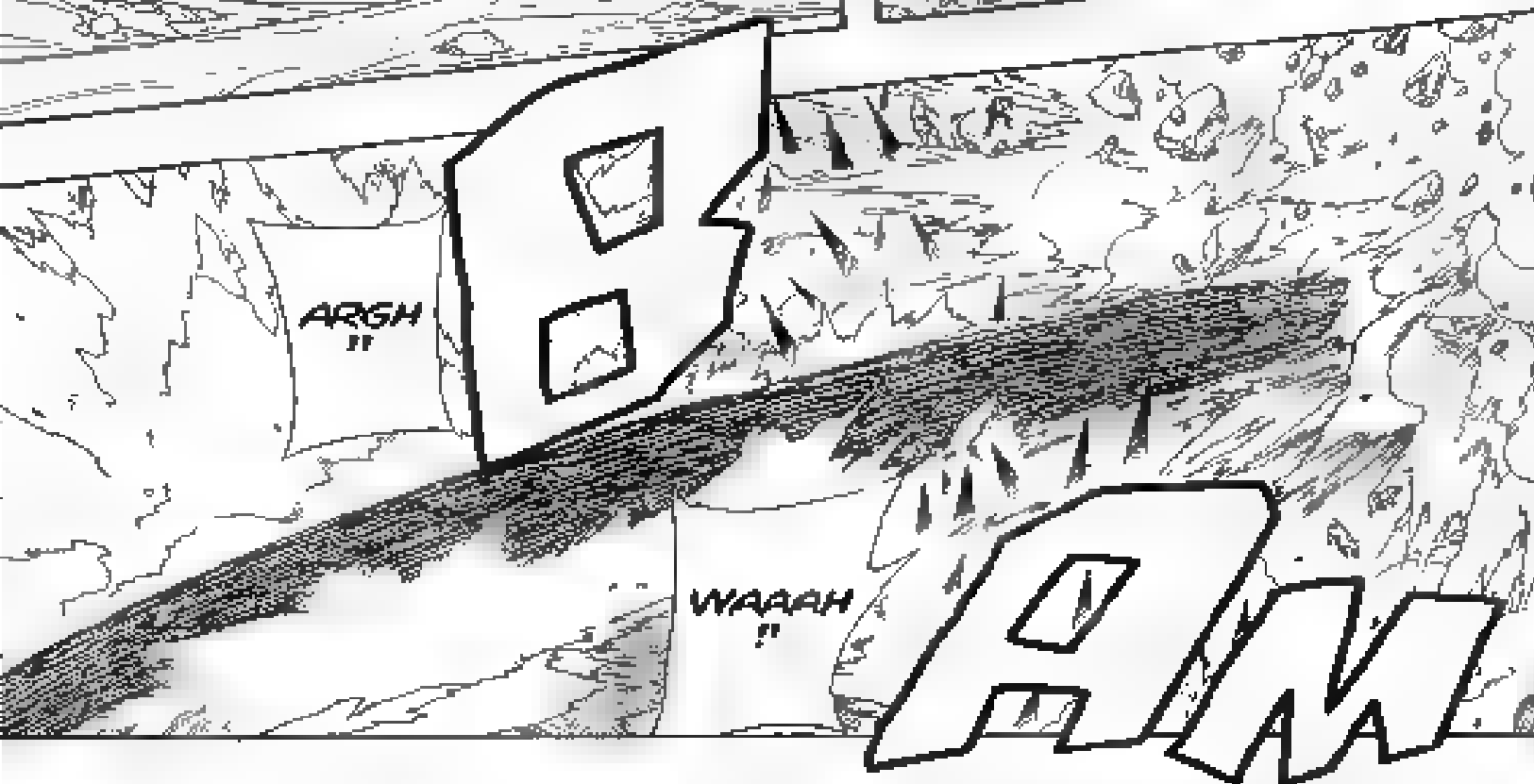






ONE
DOWN,
ONE
TO GO!

MISS SAMUI
ATSUI, THIS WAS
POSSIBLE
THANKS TO YOU.
SWEAR 'LL
GET YOU OUT
LATER!



ARGH
!!

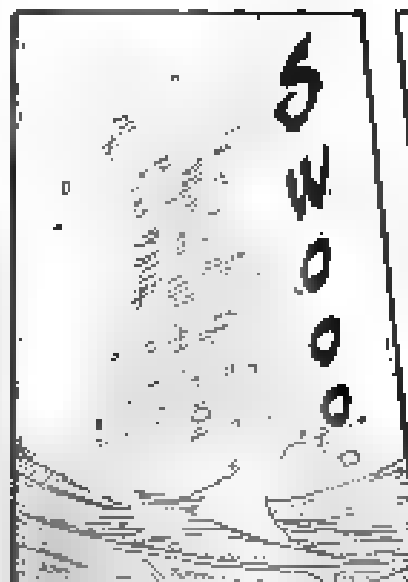
WAAAH
!!

BOOM



N-NO WAY
HE LOOKS
JUST
LIKE...

HEY,
HEY,
HEY!



SHOCK

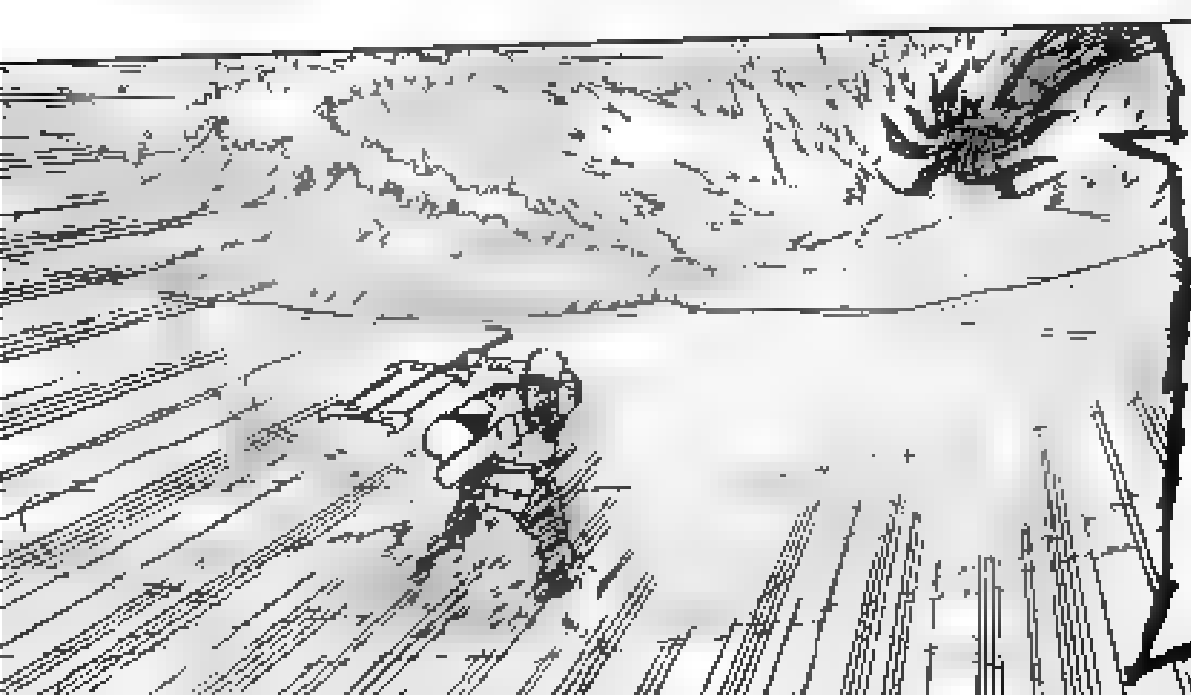
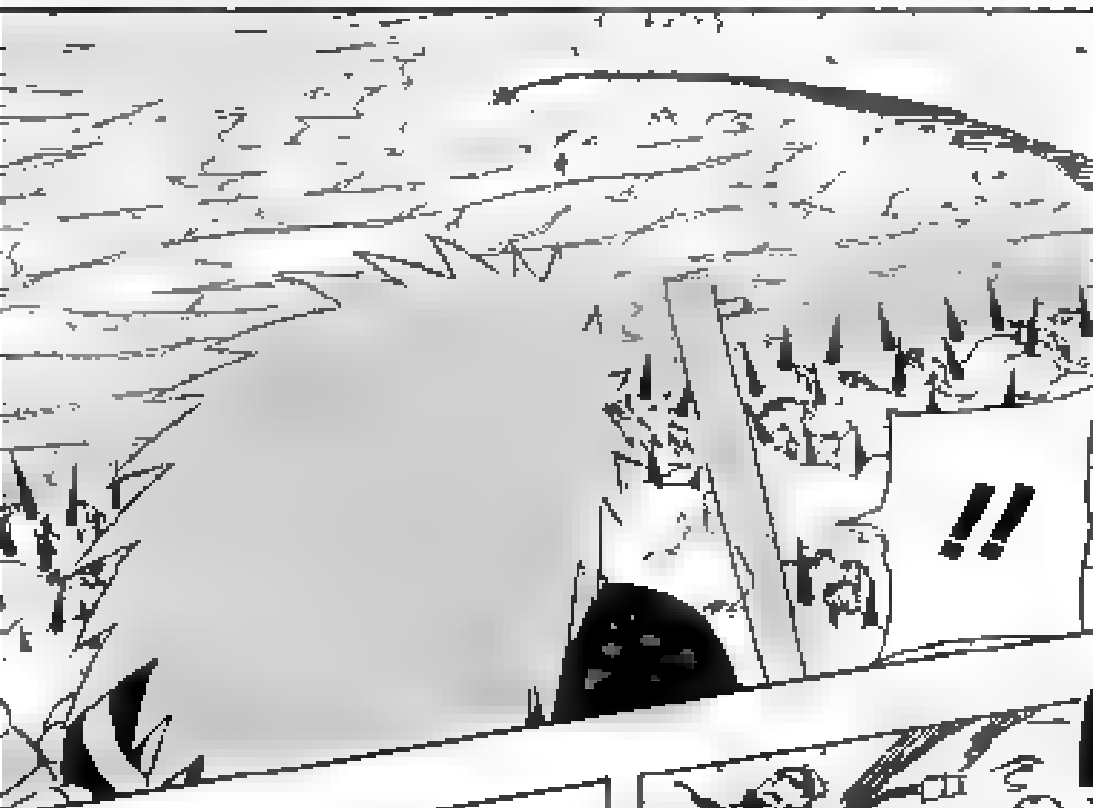


WHAT
?!

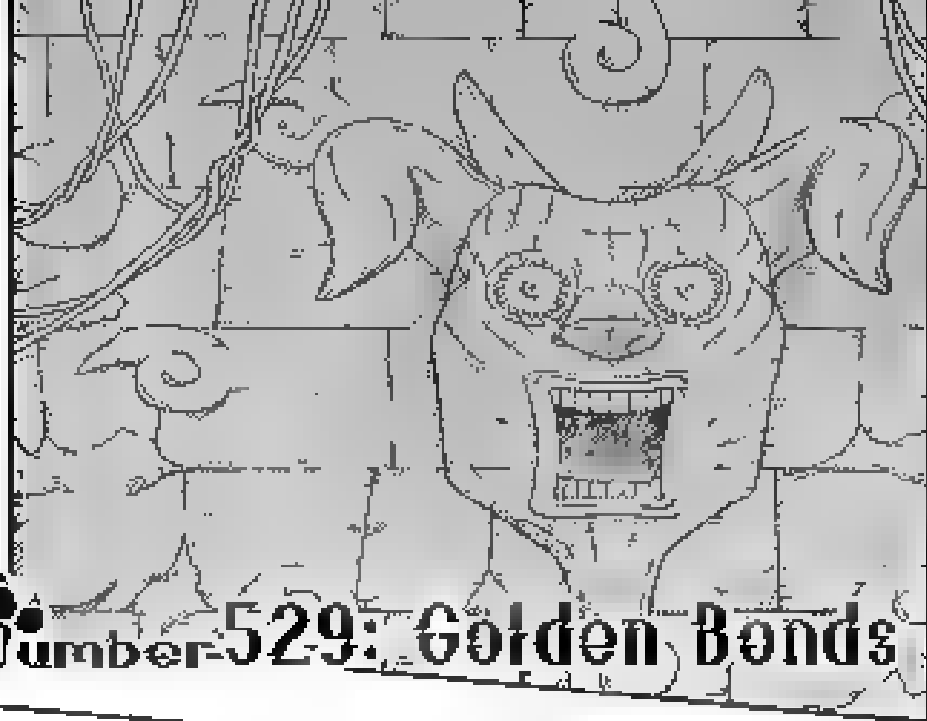
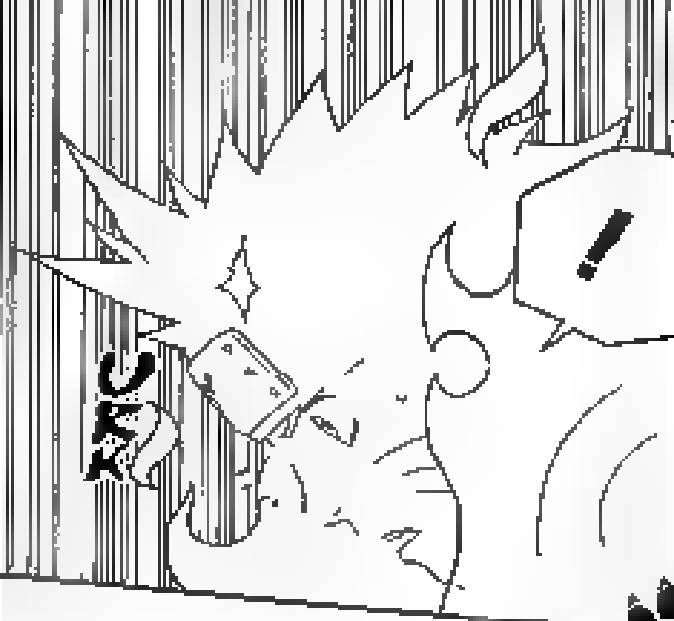
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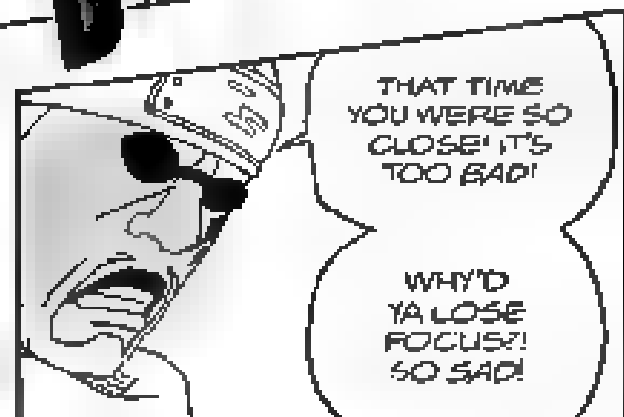
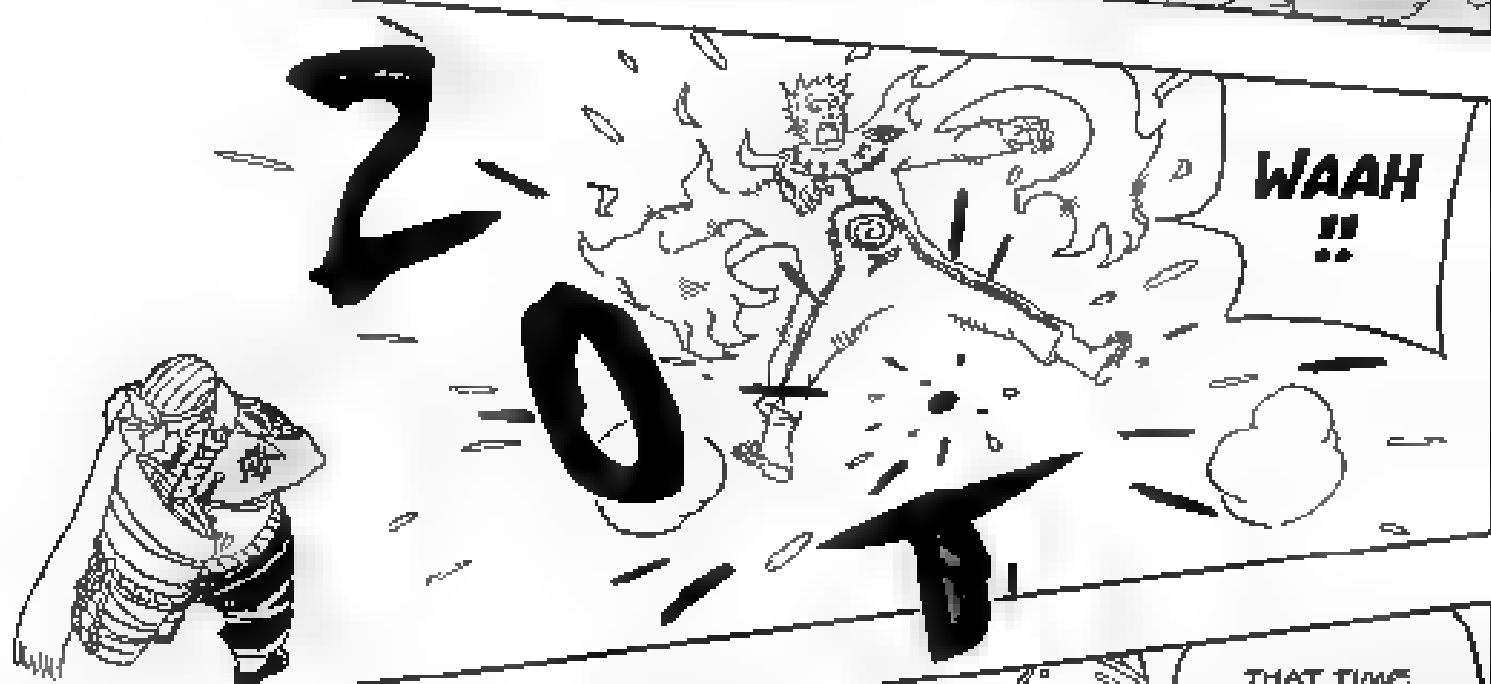
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Number 529: Golden Bonds





THIS IS
BAD.



R A A A W R !!



AHA
HA,
SORRY



G R R R



?!

**THK
THK
THK
THK
THK**



TAK

OH
WELL!!



WIS

TOO
LATE!!



THAT'S WHEN
NINE TAILS
DEVoured THE
LORDS KINKAKU
AND GINKAKU.

AFTER THEY
ESCAPED THE Biju,
THEY WERE ABLE
TO MAINTAIN THOSE
NEW FORMS!



IT'S
ABOUT
TIME YOU
KNEW!!

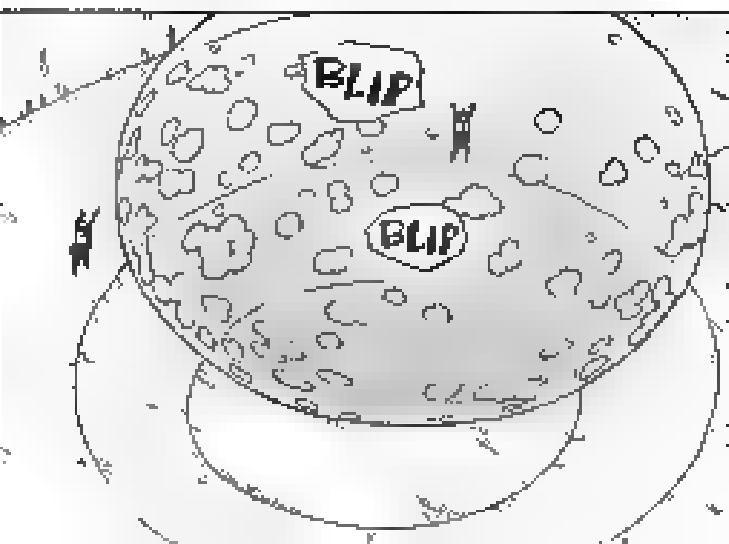
NOW
THAT
WE'RE
ALLIES!

KUMOGAKURE
TRIED TO
CAPTURE THAT
CATAclysmic
FORCE!

LONG
BEFORE
UCHIHA
MADARA
TAMED NINE
TAILS.



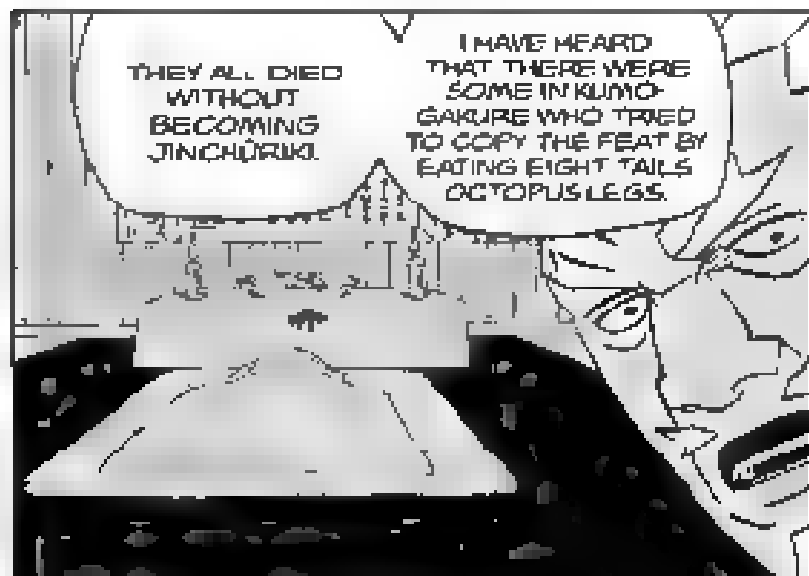
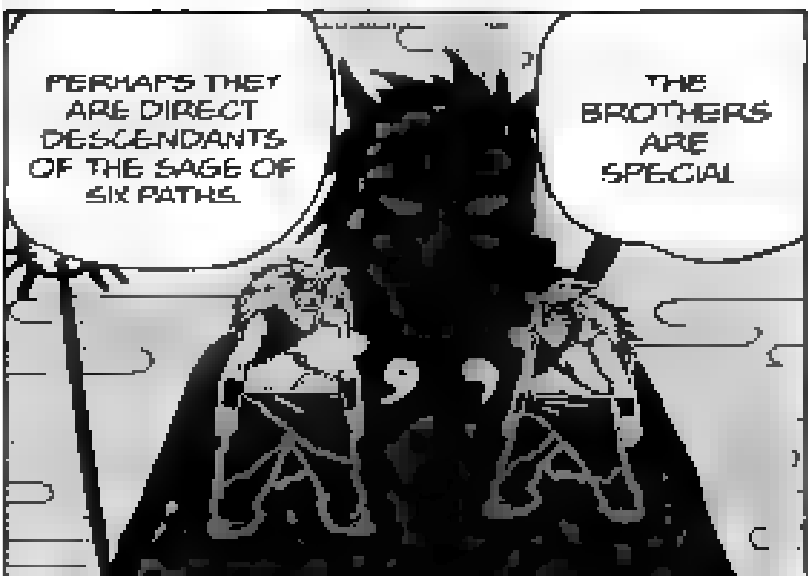
WHAT? HE'S A
JINCHŪRIKI?

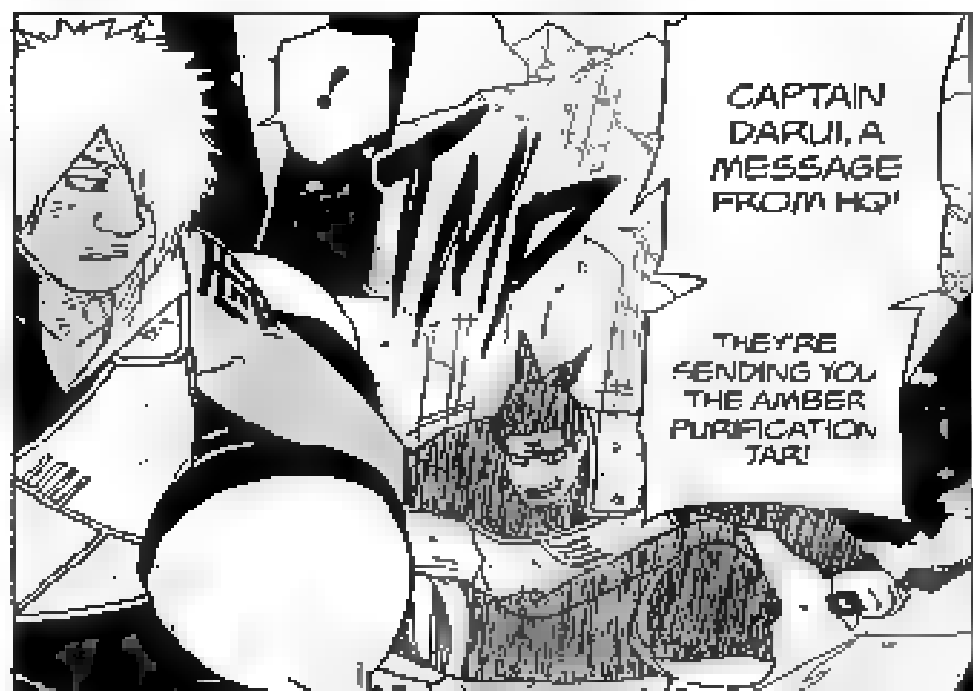
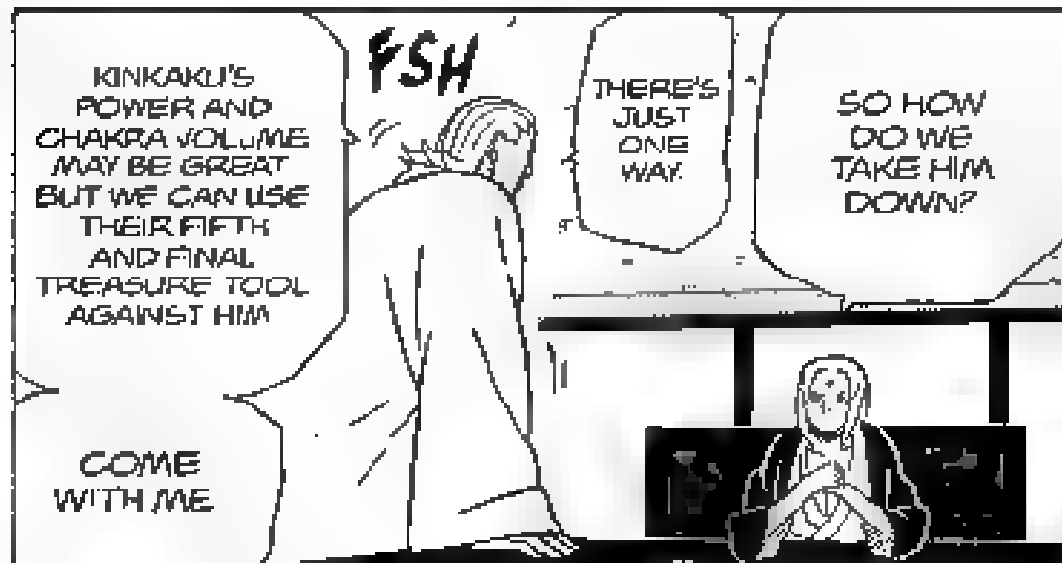


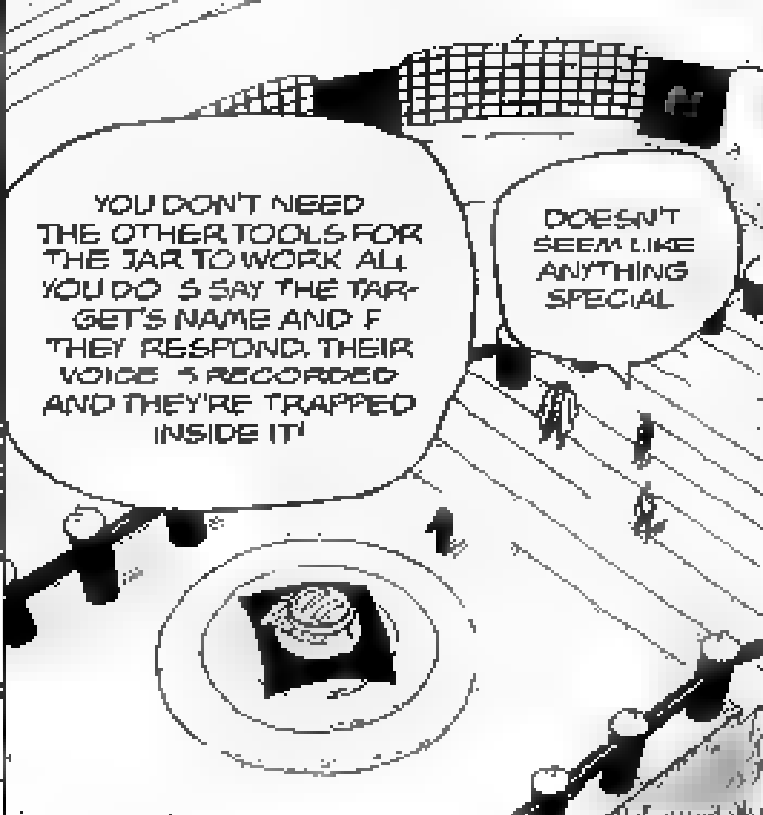
SHOW SOME
RESPECT, AND
CONTACT HQ
IMMEDIATELY!

WE NEED
TO KNOW
HOW TO
COUNTER
THAT!

ESCAPED?
THE FOX
POOPED
THEM OUT?!







YOU DON'T NEED
THE OTHER TOOLS FOR
THE JAR TO WORK. ALL
YOU DO IS SAY THE TAR-
GET'S NAME AND IF
THEY RESPOND, THEIR
VOICE IS RECORDED
AND THEY'RE TRAPPED
INSIDE IT!

DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
ANYTHING
SPECIAL



THIS IS
THE FIFTH
TREASURE THAT
WAS USED TO
SEAL AWAY
EIGHT TAILS.

THE AMBER
PURIFICATION
JAR.



I'M GOING
TO SEND
THIS TO
DARUI SO
HE CAN SEAL
KINKAKU
AWAY!

WE WERE
ABLE TO
TAKE JUST
THIS ONE
FROM THE
GOLD &
SILVER
BROTHERS.



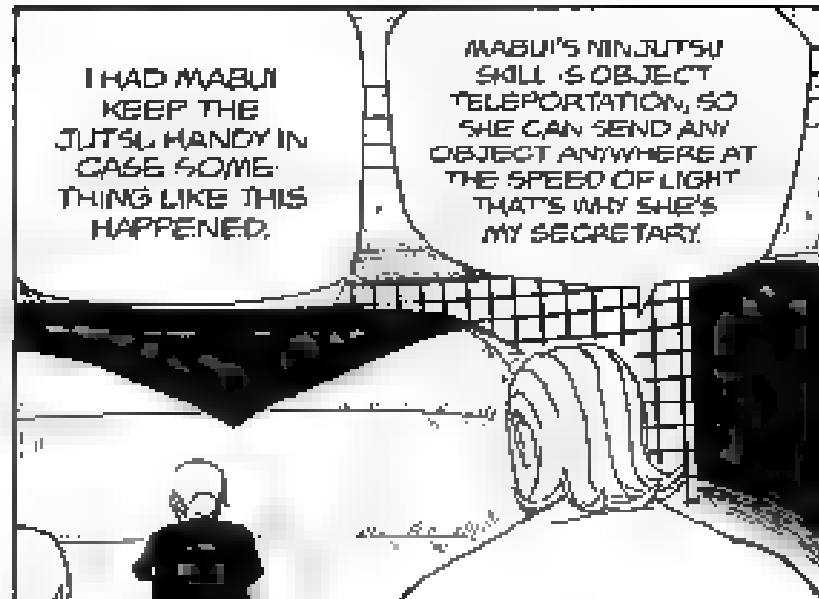
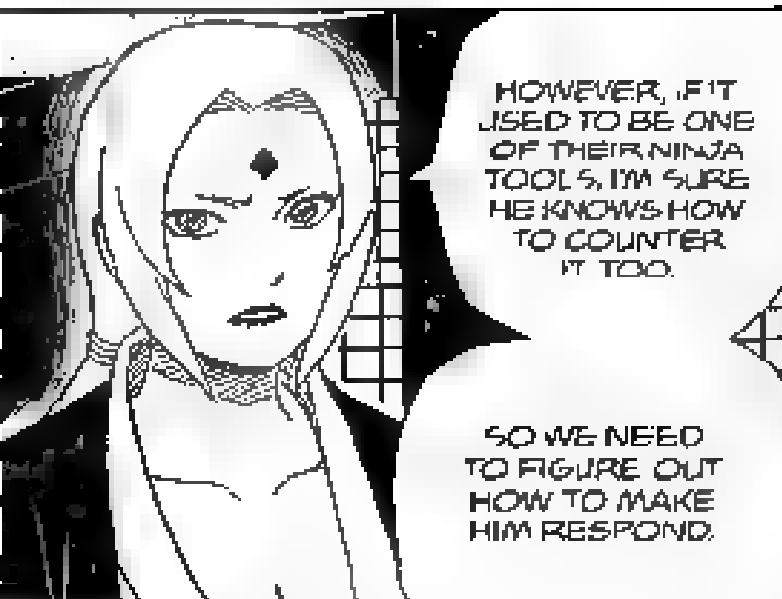
I CAN
SEND IT
TO DARUI
ANYTIME
YOU WANT!

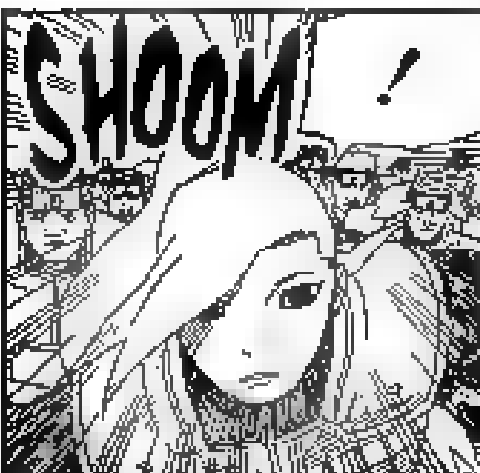
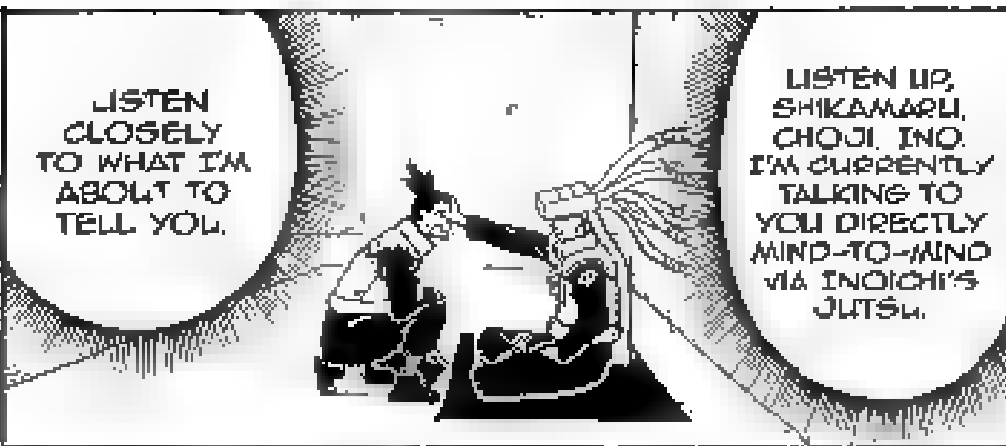
LORD
FAKAGE,
I'M READY!

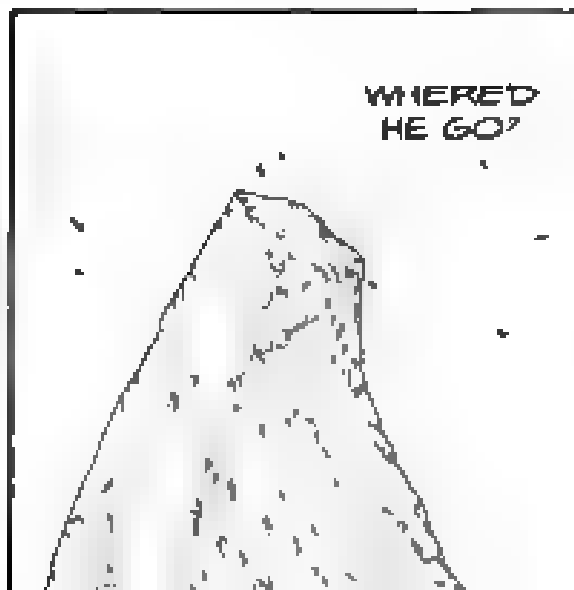
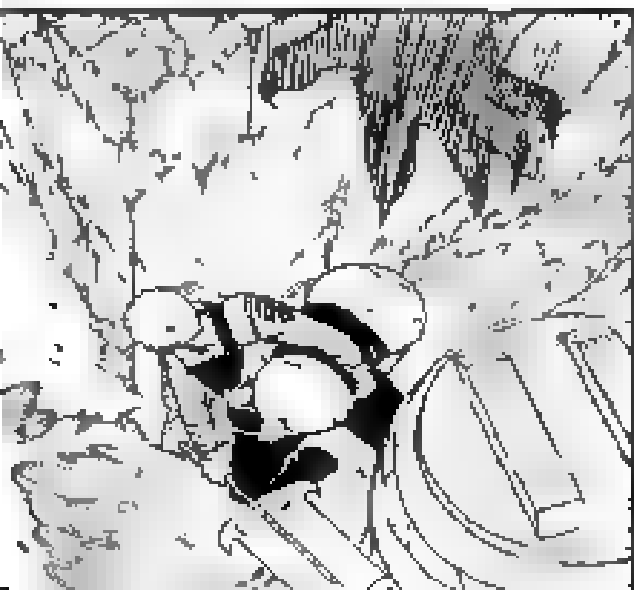
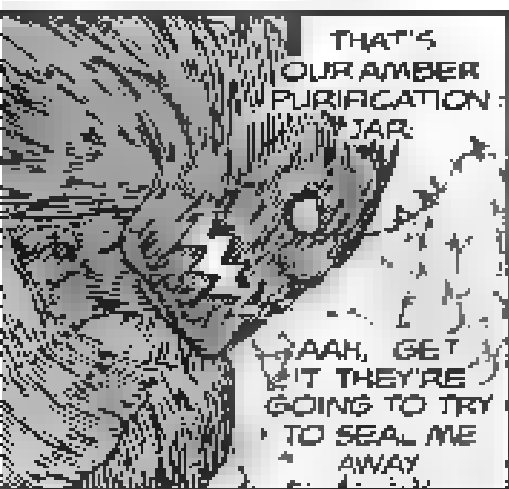
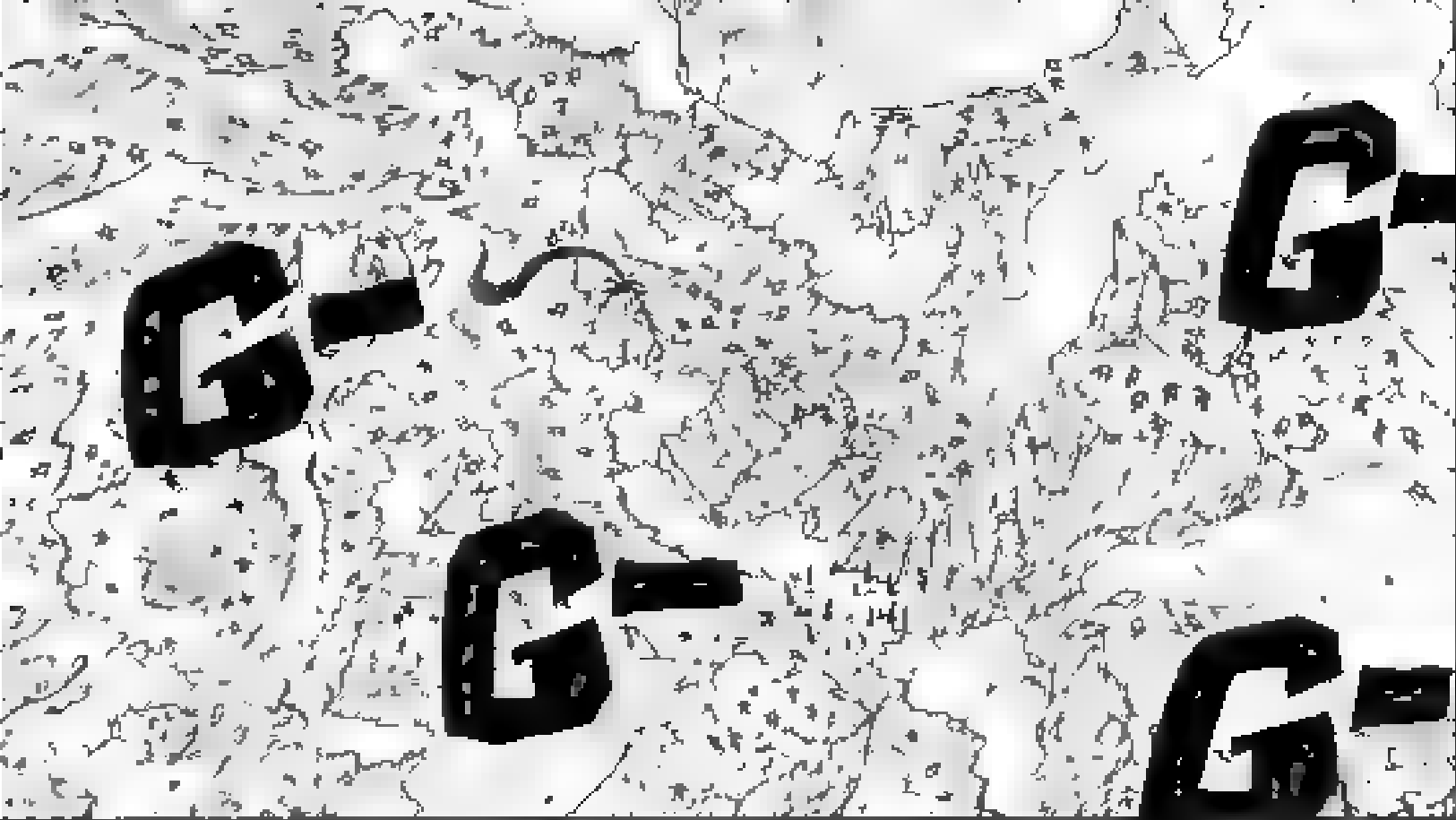


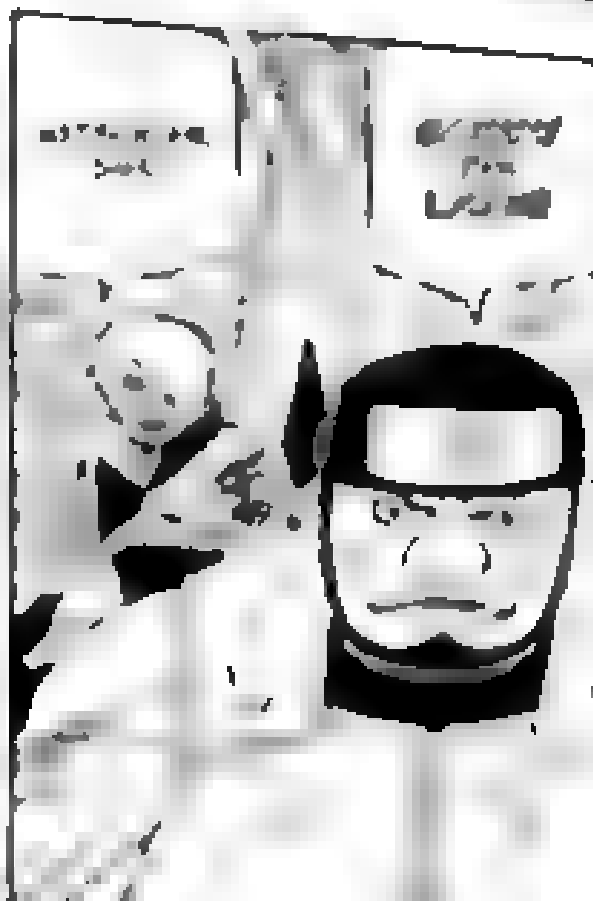
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TAKE TOO
LONG TO
TRANS-
PORT THIS.

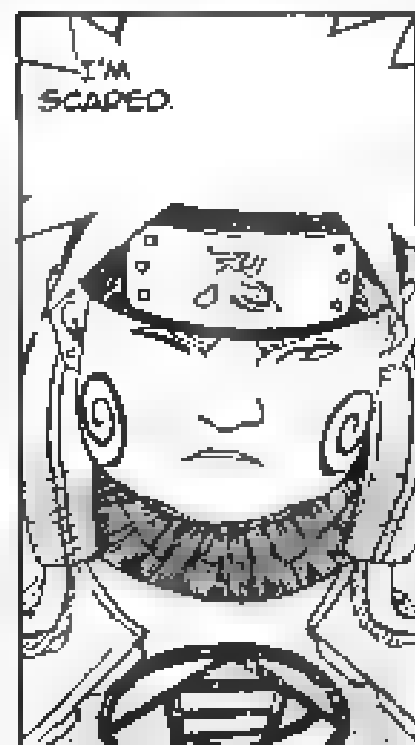
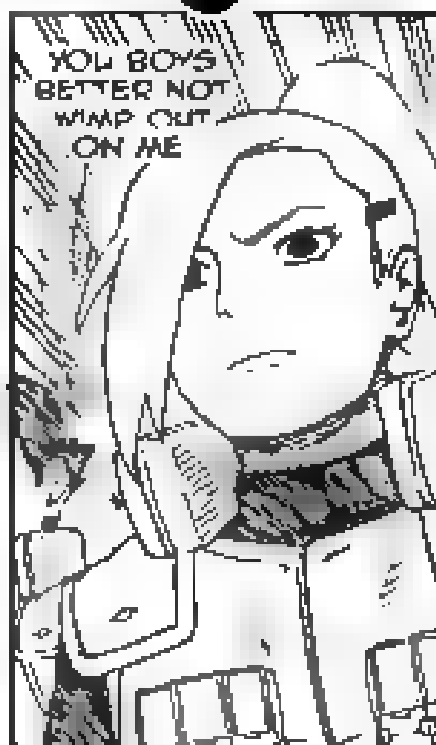
THE
SITUATION
ON THE
FRONT IS
URGENT

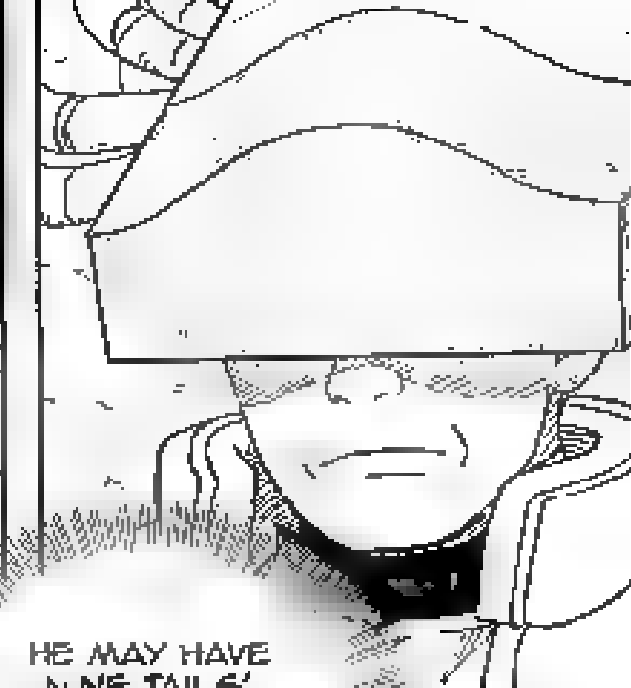
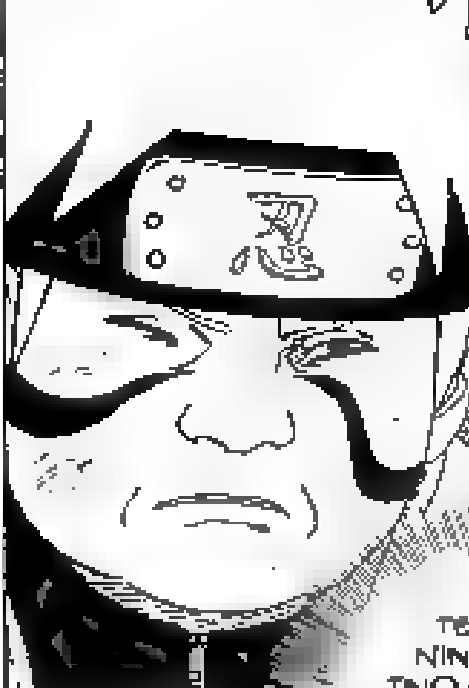






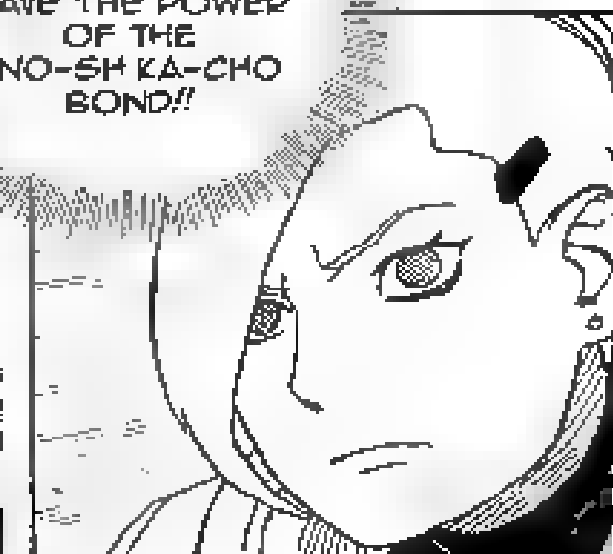
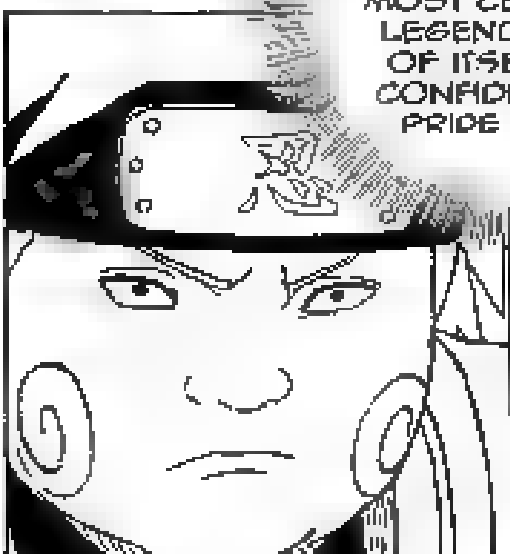




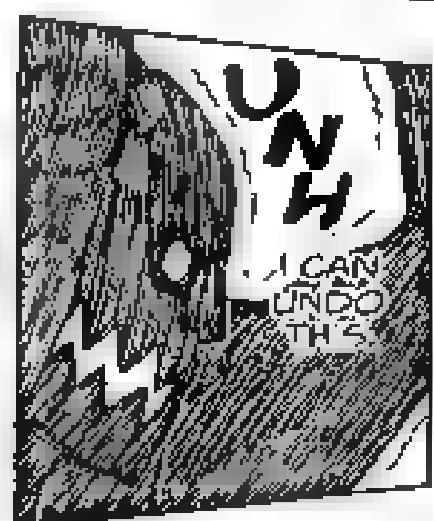
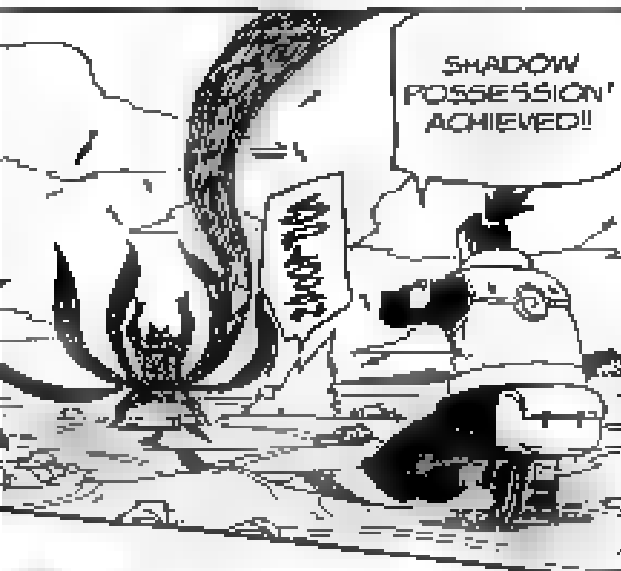


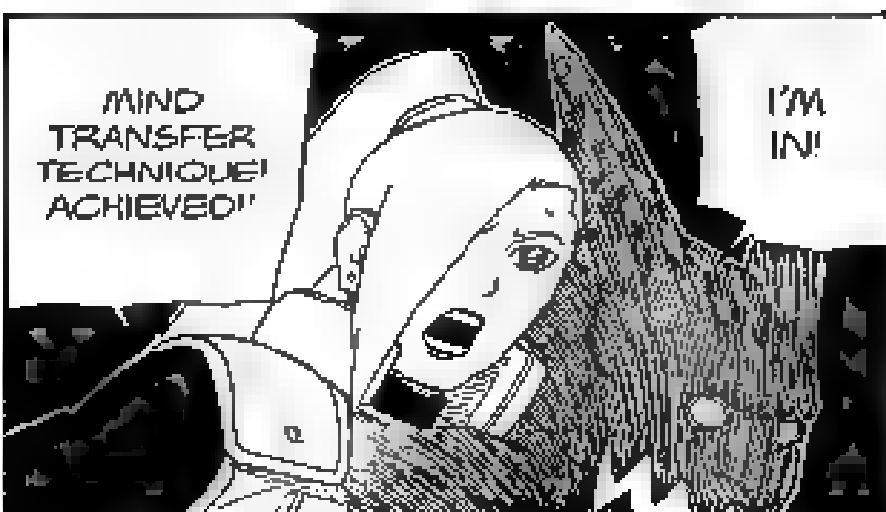
THE
TEAMWORK
NINJITSU OF
INO-SHIKA-CHO
IS ONE OF THE
MOST CELEBRATED
LEGENDS IN AND
OF ITSELF! HAVE
CONFIDENCE AND
PRIDE IN THAT!!

HE MAY HAVE
NINE TAILS'
POWER BUT WE
HAVE THE POWER
OF THE
INO-SHIKA-CHO
BOND!!







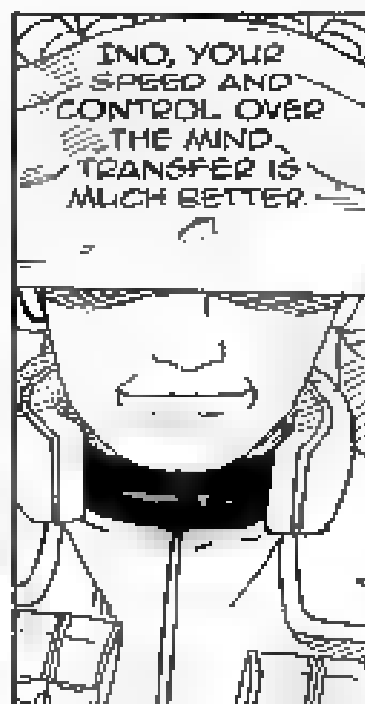
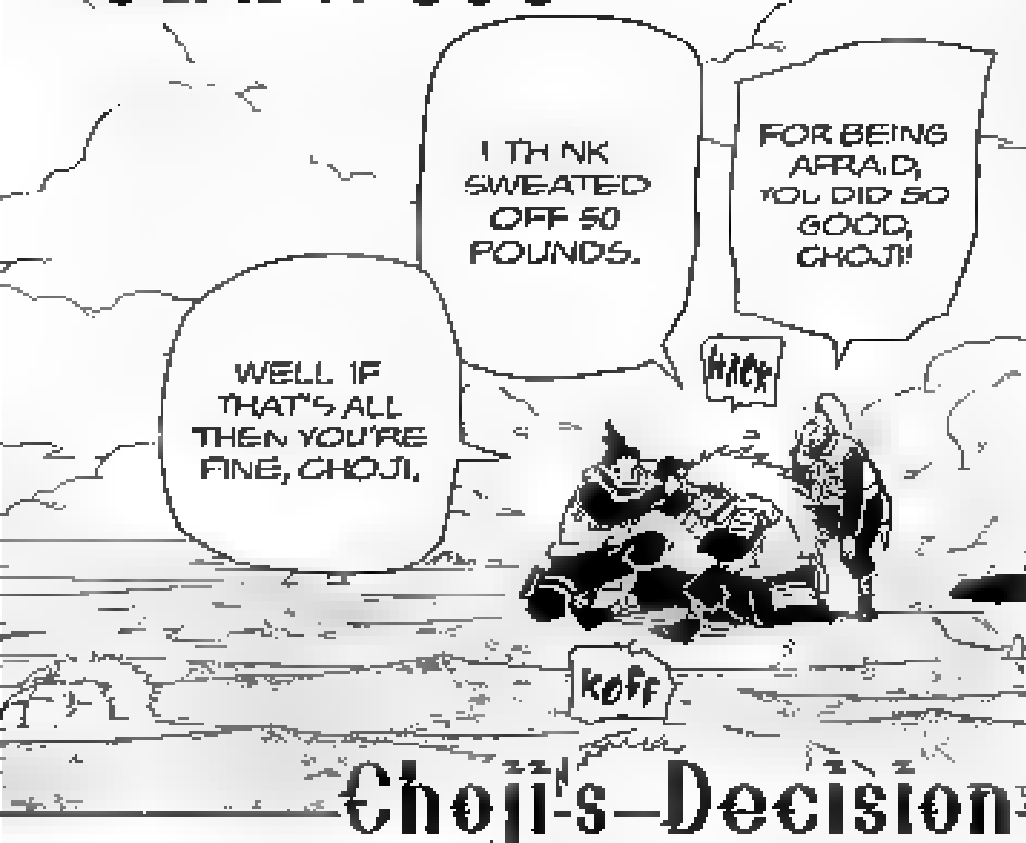


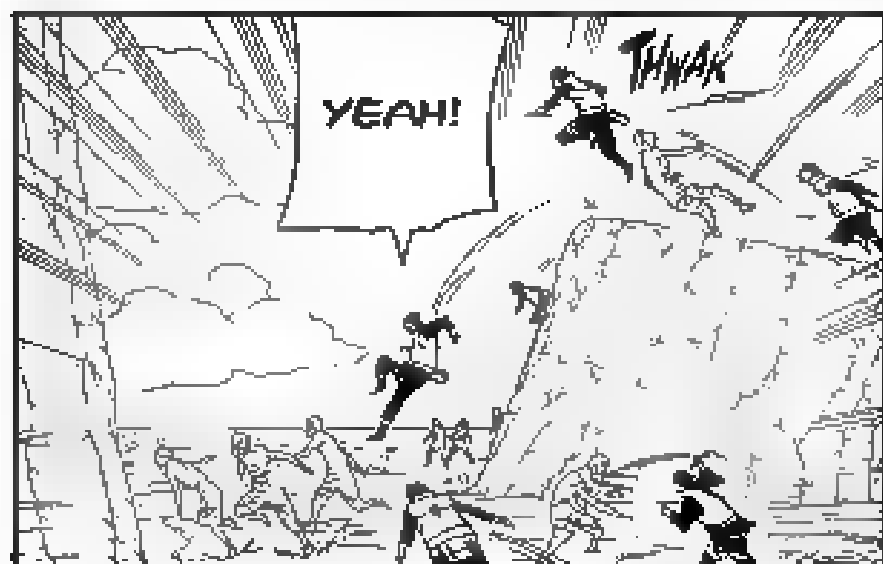
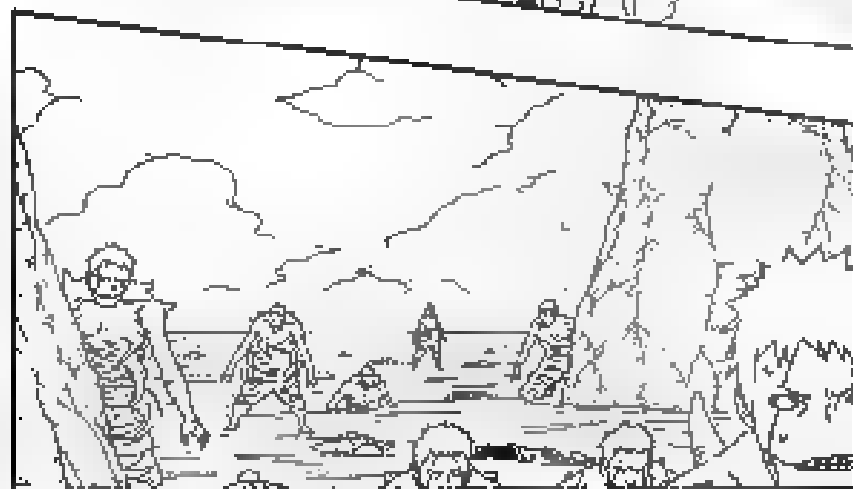
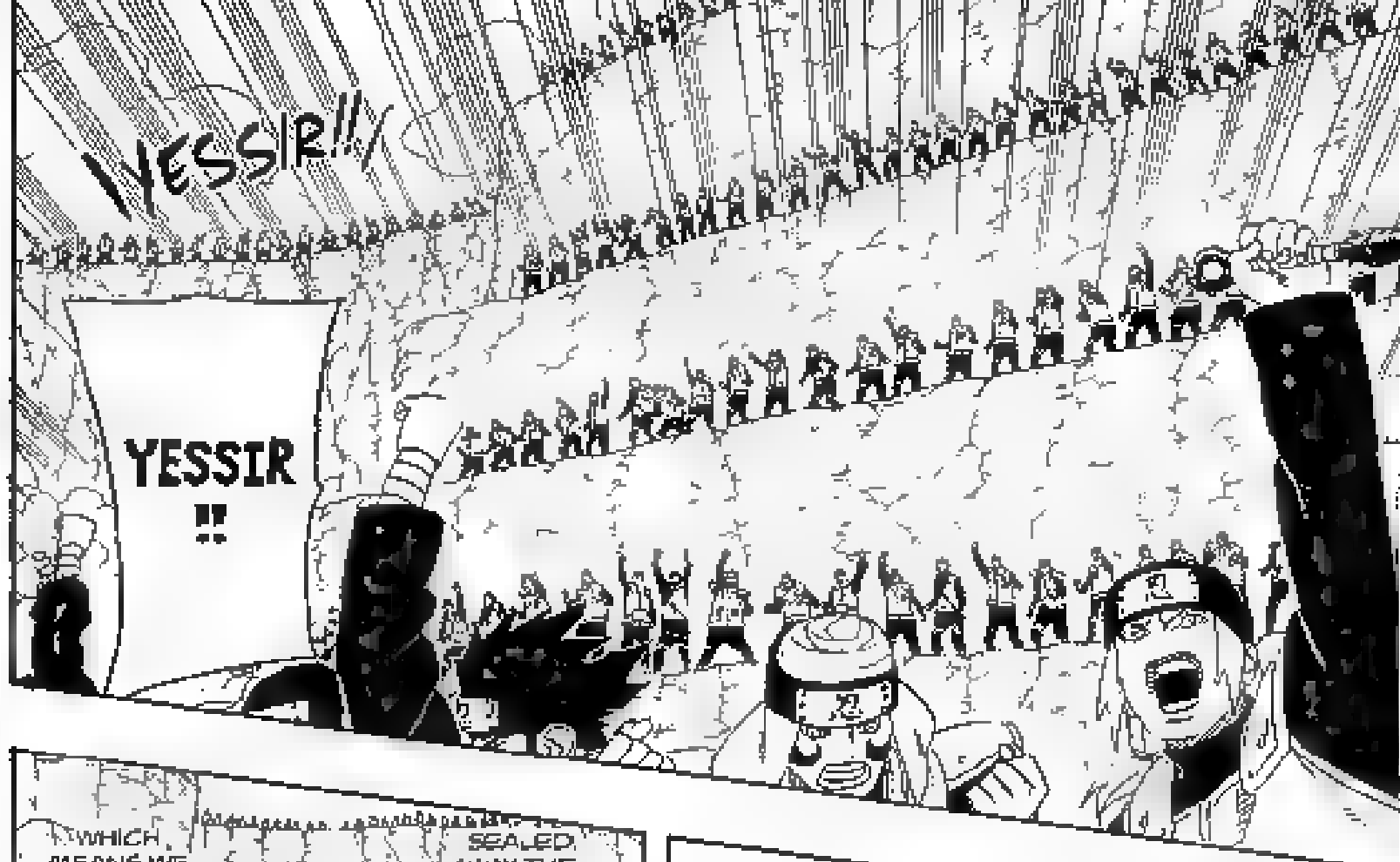


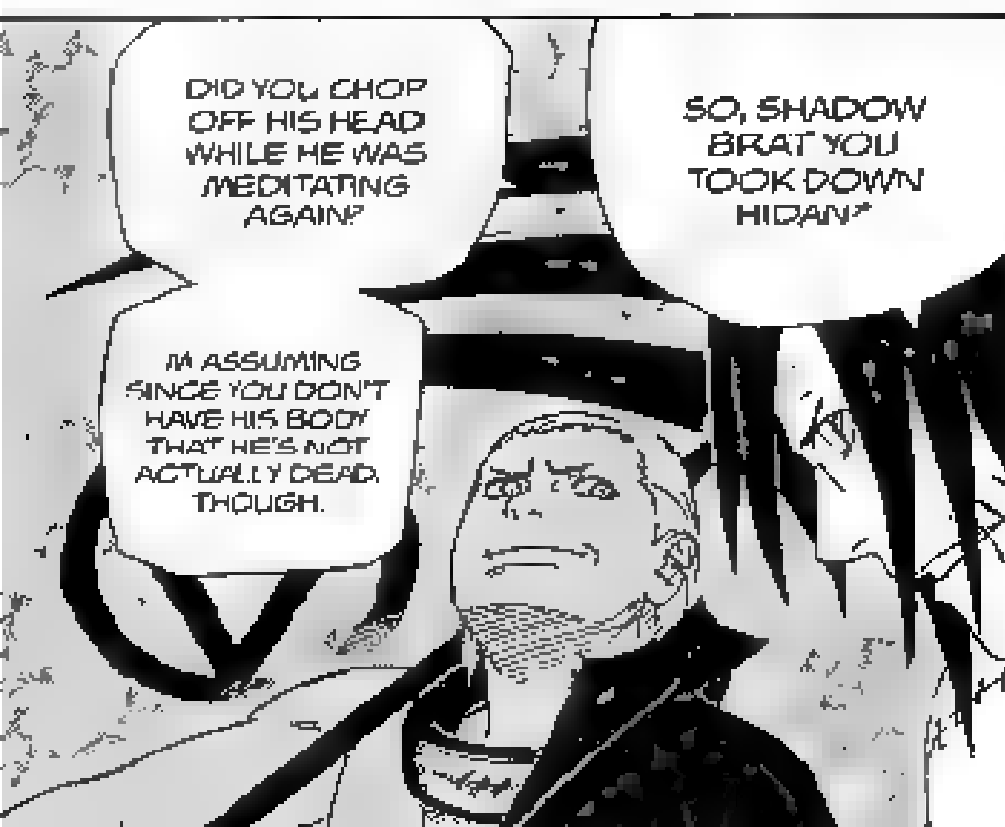


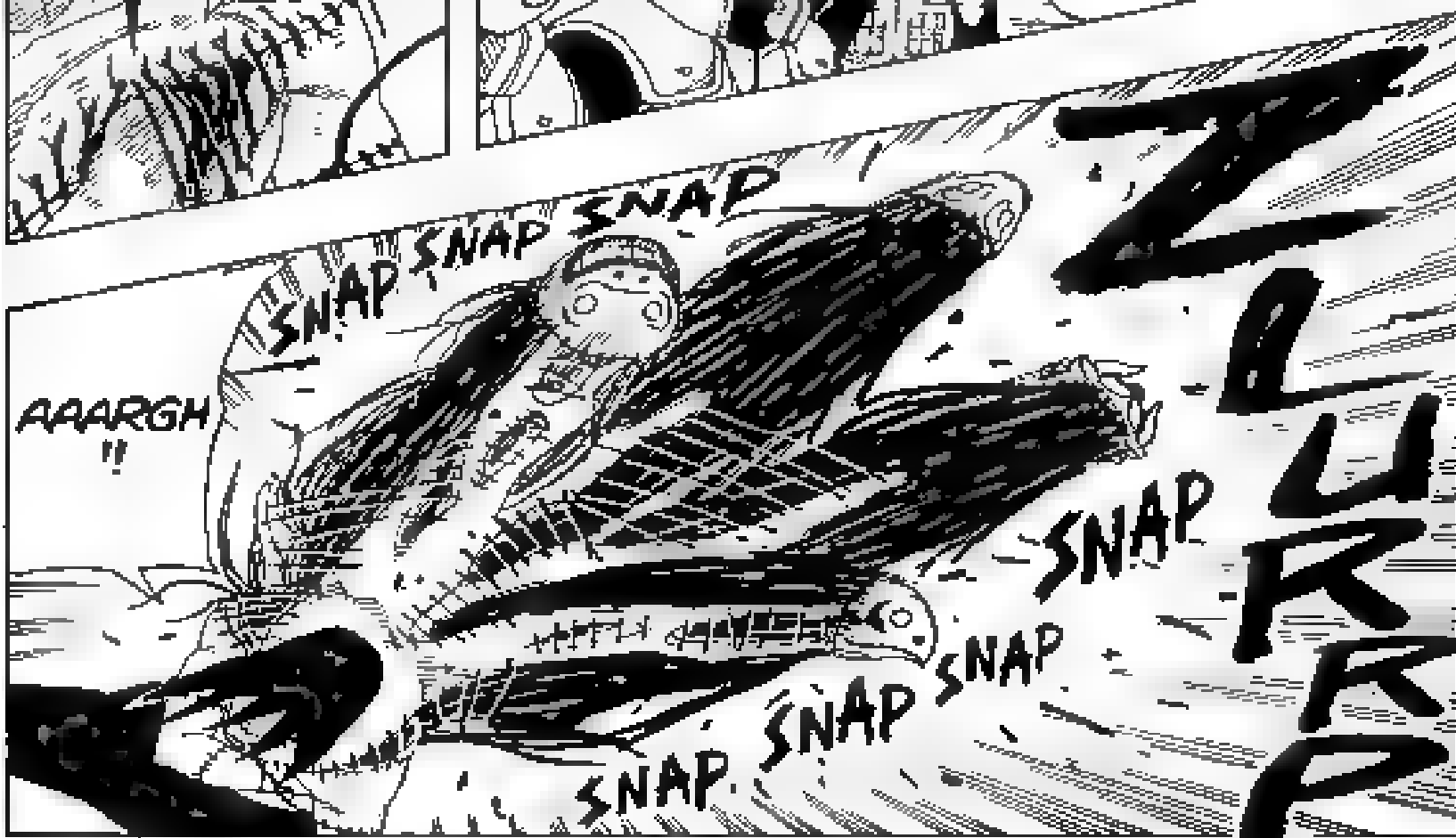
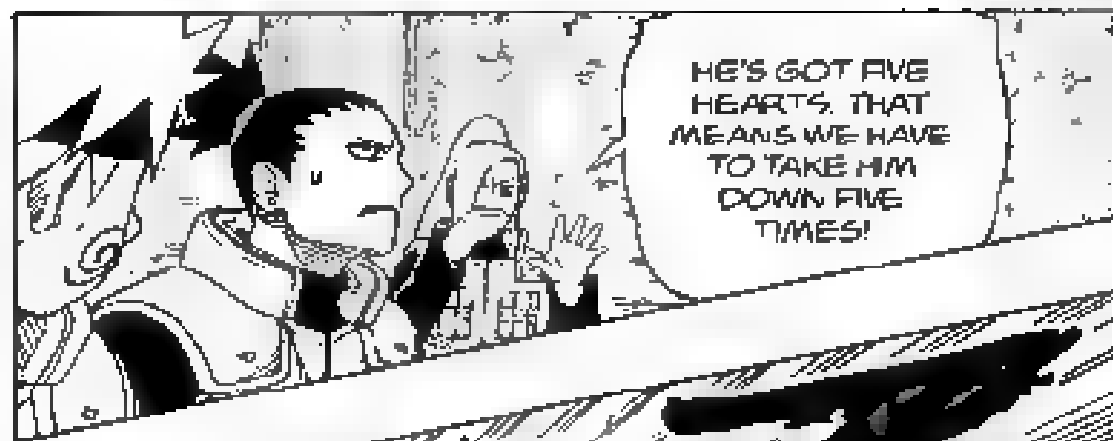
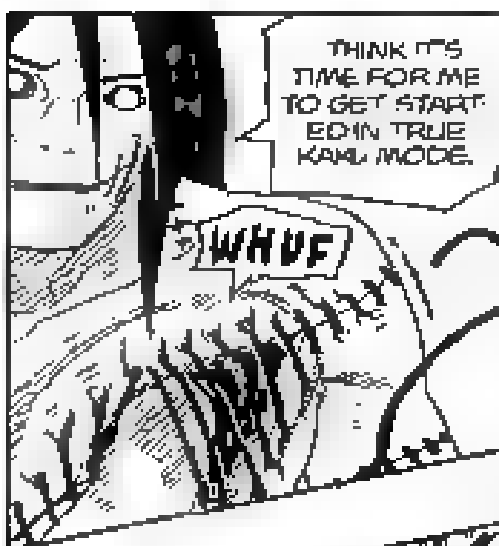


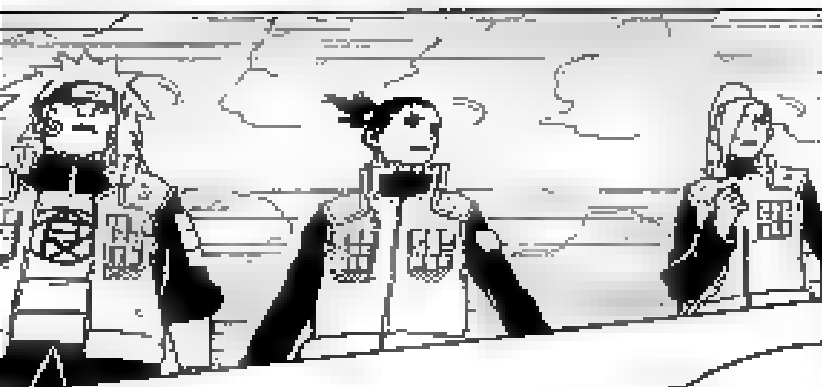
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MASTER
ASUMA!!!

...YOUR
FORMER
TEACHER,
SON OF THE
THIRD HOKAGE,
SARUTOBI
ASUMA!

TAK

TAK

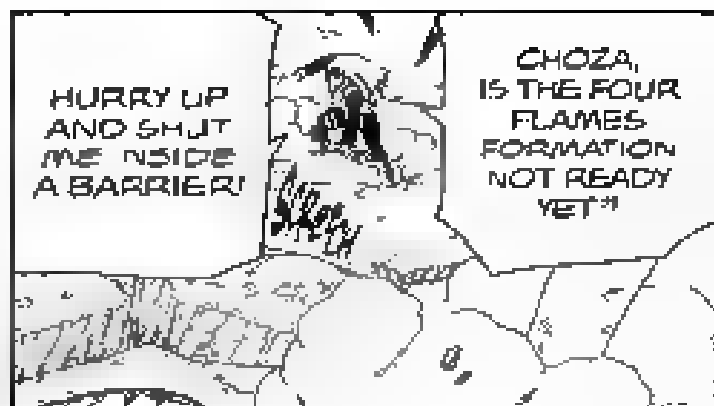
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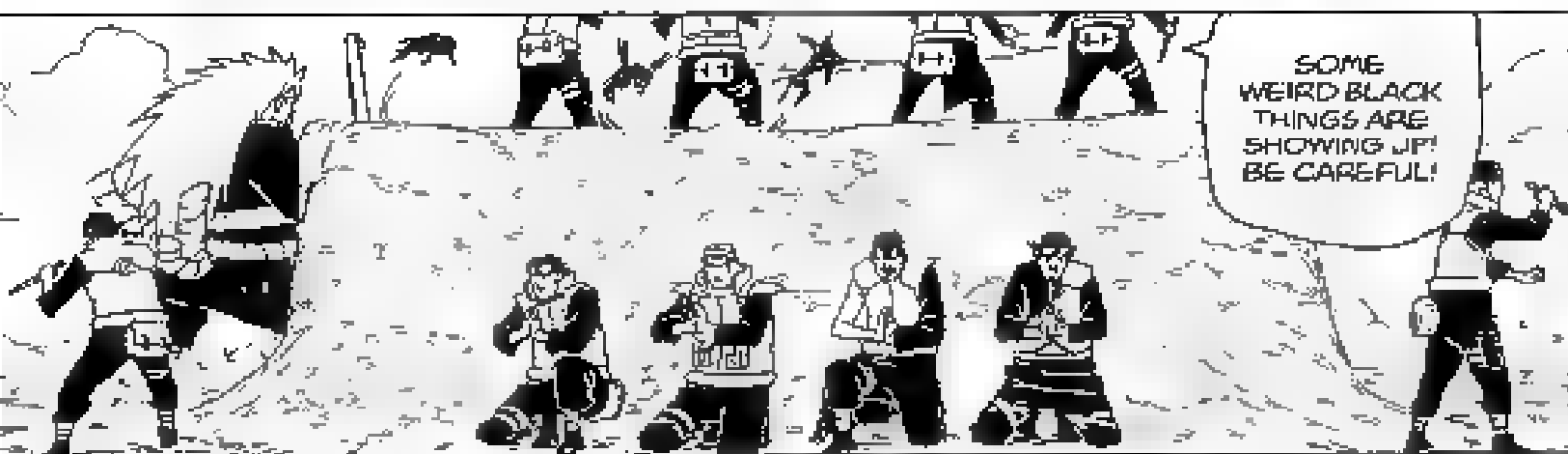
BOON

THERE
ARE STILL
MORE!

SO YOU'RE
NOT THE ONLY
ONES WHO'VE
TAKEN YOUR
OPPONENT'S
PIECES.



CHOZA, IS THE FOUR FLAMES FORMATION NOT READY YET?!





THEY
SAY THAT
MONEY
TALKS, EVEN
IN HELL

SO IS
THAT THE
TRUTH, O
DEAD
ONE?



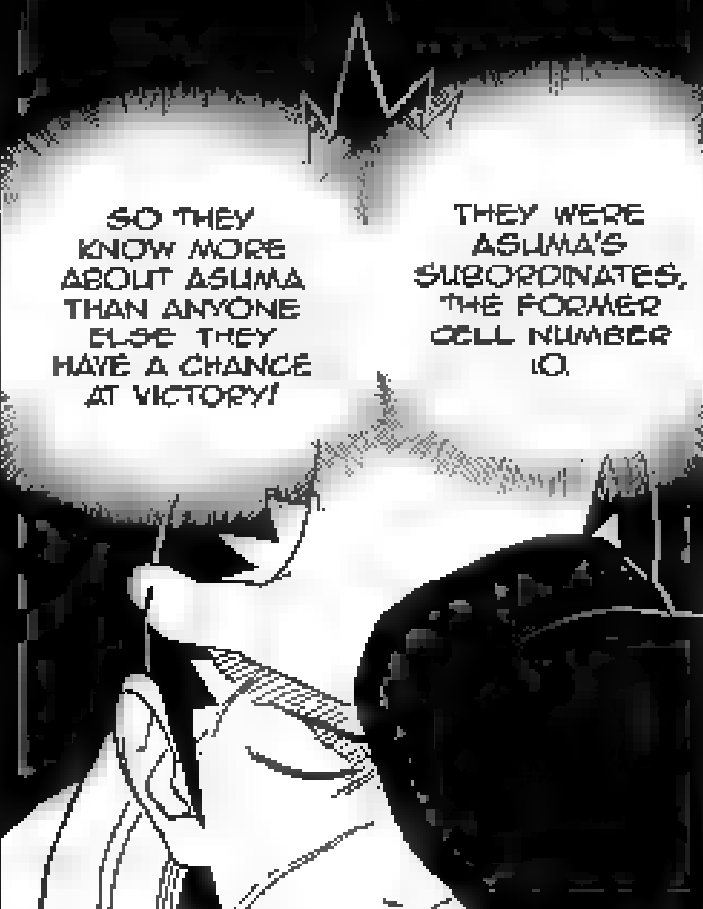
SORRY I DON'T
REMEMBER THOSE
WHO DON'T GARNER
ME ANY BOUNTY.



WE OWE
YOU.


WE HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
YOU, YOU
STRINGY
MEGG.



A close-up of Naruto's face as he speaks. He has a determined expression.

SO THEY
KNOW MORE
ABOUT ASUMA
THAN ANYONE
ELSE THEY
HAVE A CHANCE
AT VICTORY!

THEY WERE
ASUMA'S
SUBORDINATES,
THE FORMER
CELL NUMBER
10.

A close-up of Shikamaru's face as he speaks. He is holding a scroll.

I'M GOING
TO HAVE
SHIKAMARU
AND THE
OTHERS
FIGHT
ASUMA.

ASUMA-SENPAI
WAS THEIR
TEACHER..!
IT'S TOO
CRUEL!

BUT...
THAT'S
JUST..!

A close-up of Naruto's face as he speaks. He has a determined expression.

BUT...
UH...DON'T..

THIS IS
WAR! AND
WE HAVE
TO WIN!

DON'T YOU
COMPLAIN!

Three characters are running towards the right. The character on the left is shouting, and the other two are looking back with expressions of concern.


HUH?

SLASH

...!

...!

SLASH

Naruto is shown from the waist up, looking down at a small object on the ground. He has a serious expression.


SN'T THAT
THE WAY
FRIENDS
BEHAVE,
MILKSOP?

IF YOU REALLY
CARE ABOUT
YOUR FRIENDS,
THEN INSTEAD OF
RUNNING AWAY,
YOU SHOULD SET
YOUR MIND TO
IMPROVING
YOURSELF!



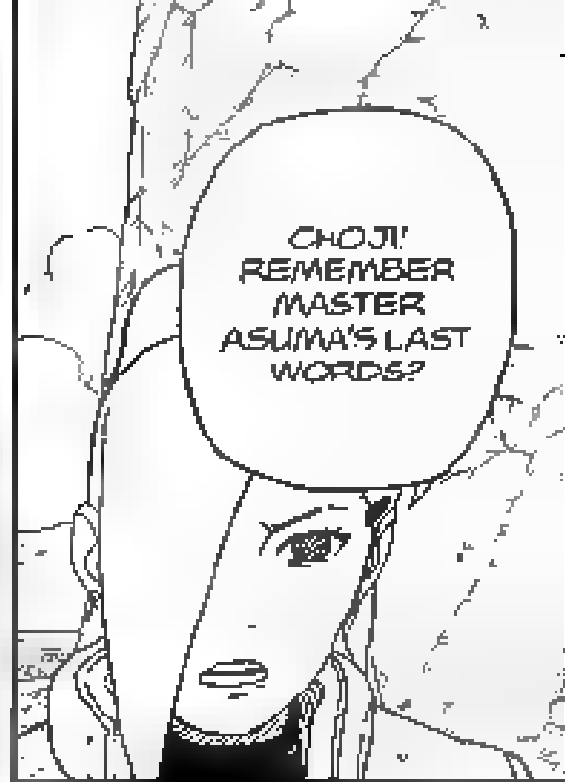


SO
BE MORE
CONFIDENT
IN
YOURSELF.


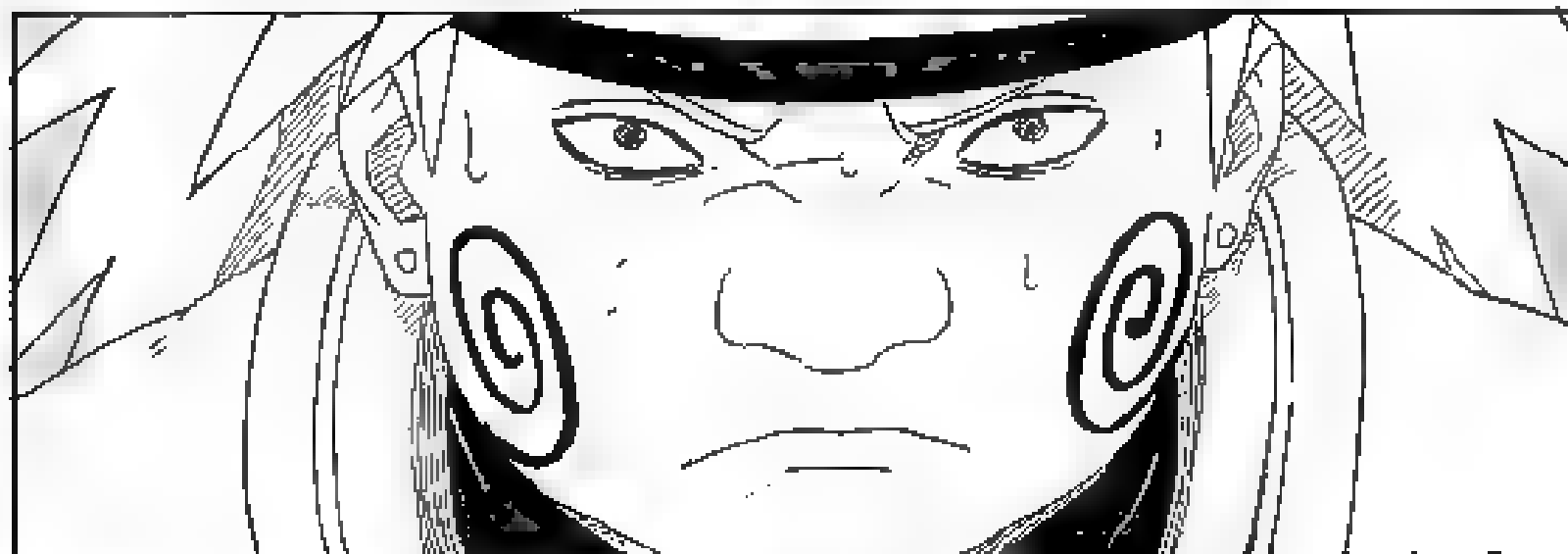


IN TIME,
YOU'LL
BECOME A
STRONGER
SHINOBI THAN
EVERYONE
ELSE.

CHOJI,
YOU'RE A
THOUGHTFUL
LOYAL FRIEND
AND A KIND
SOUL.

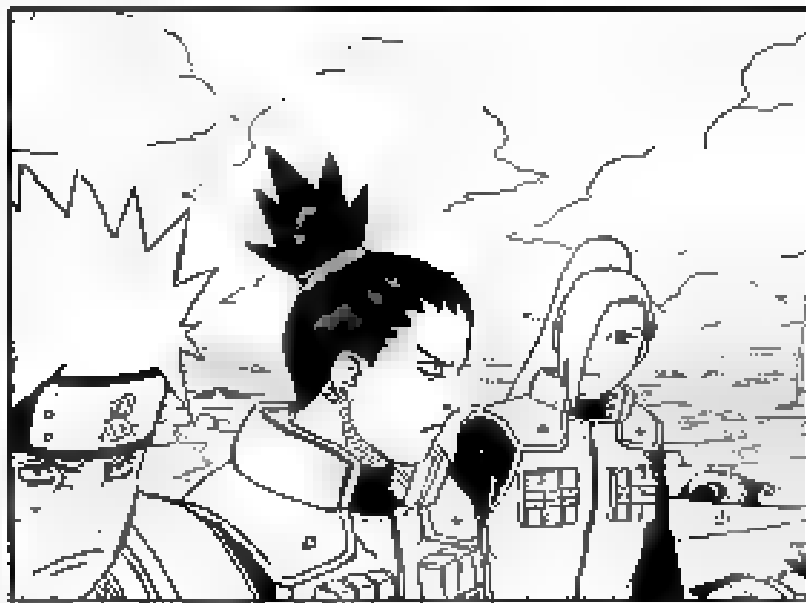


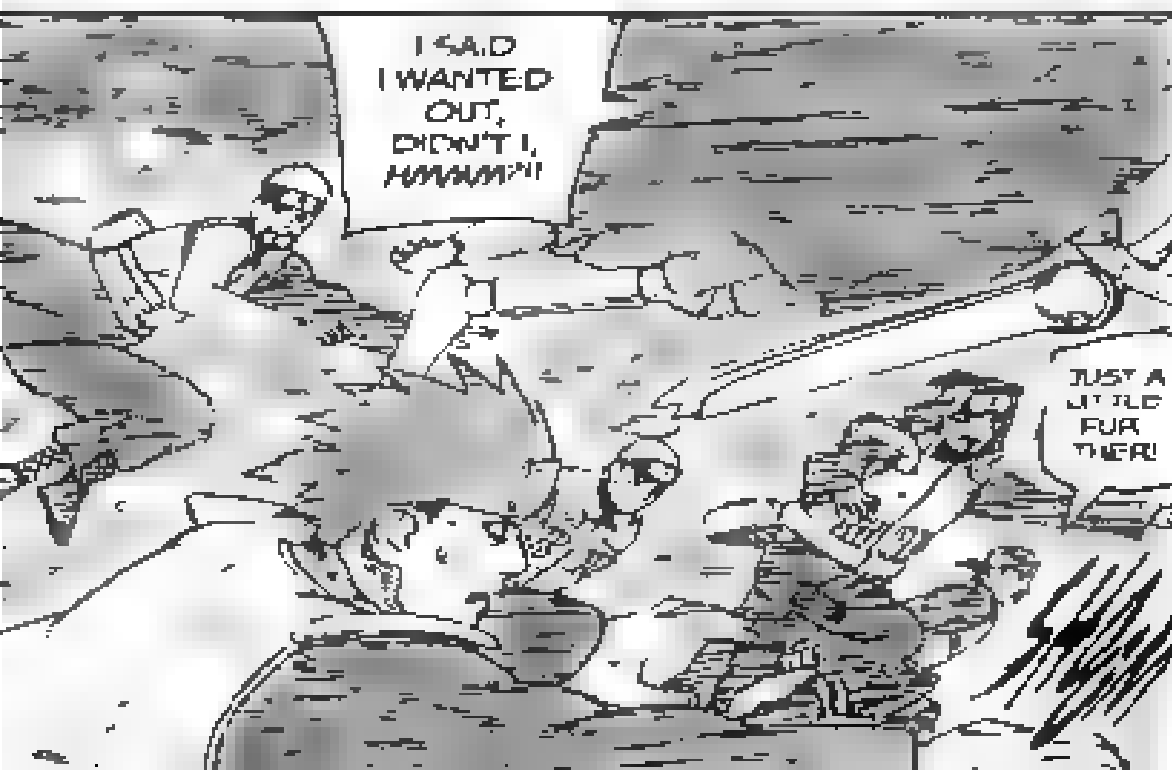
CHOJI!
REMEMBER
MASTER
ASUMA'S LAST
WORDS?



CHOJI AND
SHIKAMARU,
THEY'RE AWKWARD,
CLUMSY, SO
YOU WATCH OVER
THEM.

YOU MAY BE
LESS STRONG,
BUT YOU'RE
ALSO A
CONSIDERATE
CARETAKER.







EVERYONE'S
GOING TO
THINK I'VE
BEEN PLAYING
POSSUM
AGAIN!

I DON'T CARE
IF IT WAS THE
AKATSUKI OR
OROCHIMARU!
WHOEVER
REANIMATED ME
WILL ABSOLUTELY
REGRET IT!!

HOW
UNDIGNIFIED!

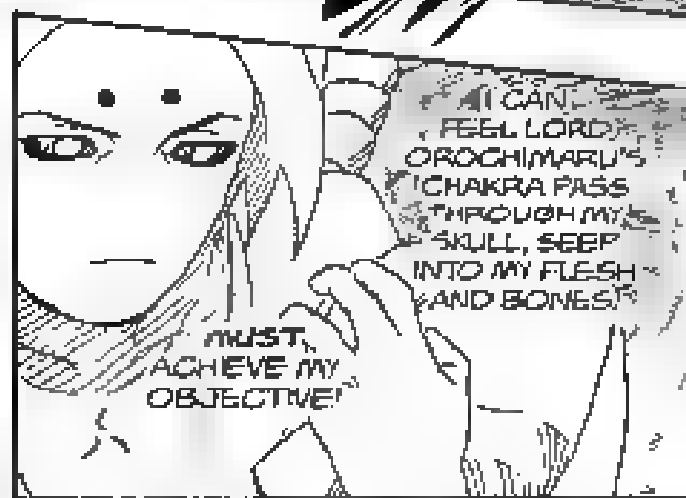


OVER
THERE!



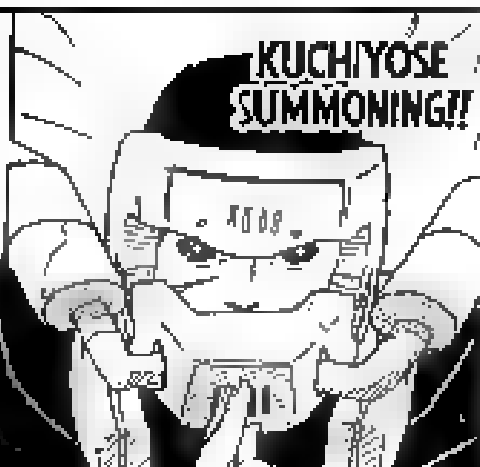
I CAN'T
FEEL LORD
OROCHIMARU'S
CHAKRA PASS
THROUGH MY
SKULL, SEEP
INTO MY FLESH
AND BONES!

MUST
ACHIEVE MY
OBJECTIVE!



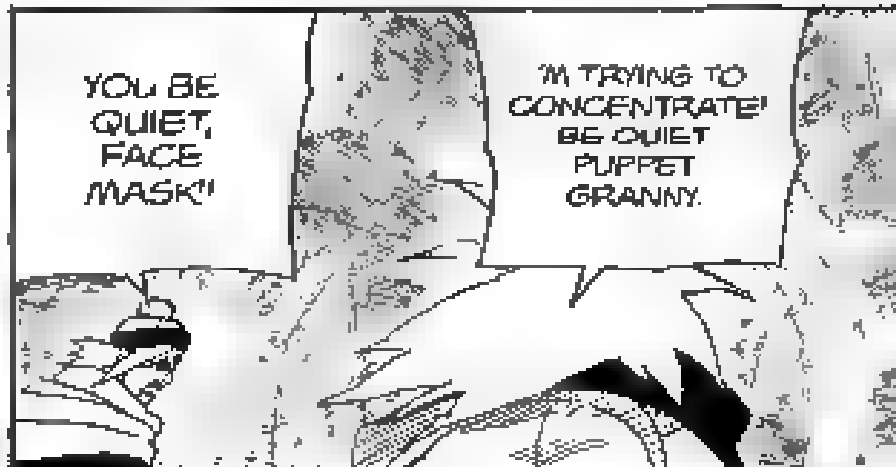
THIS
DISTANCE
SHOULD
WORK.

KUCHIYOSE
SUMMONING!!



YOU BE
QUIET,
FACE
MASK!

I'M TRYING TO
CONCENTRATE!
BE QUIET
PUPPET
GRANNY.



BO OF

KRAK KRAK

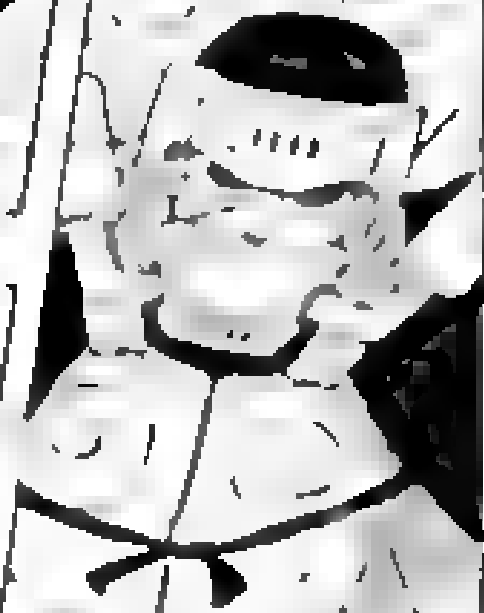
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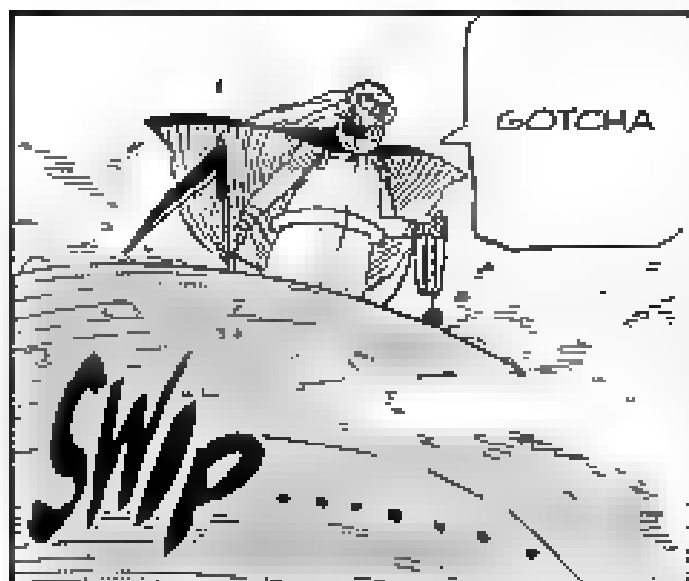
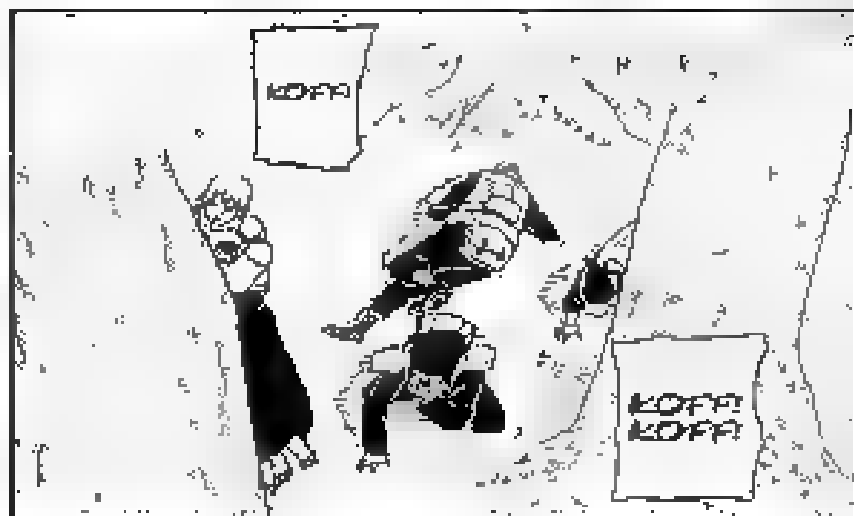
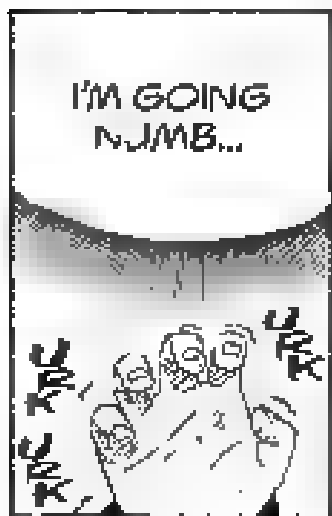
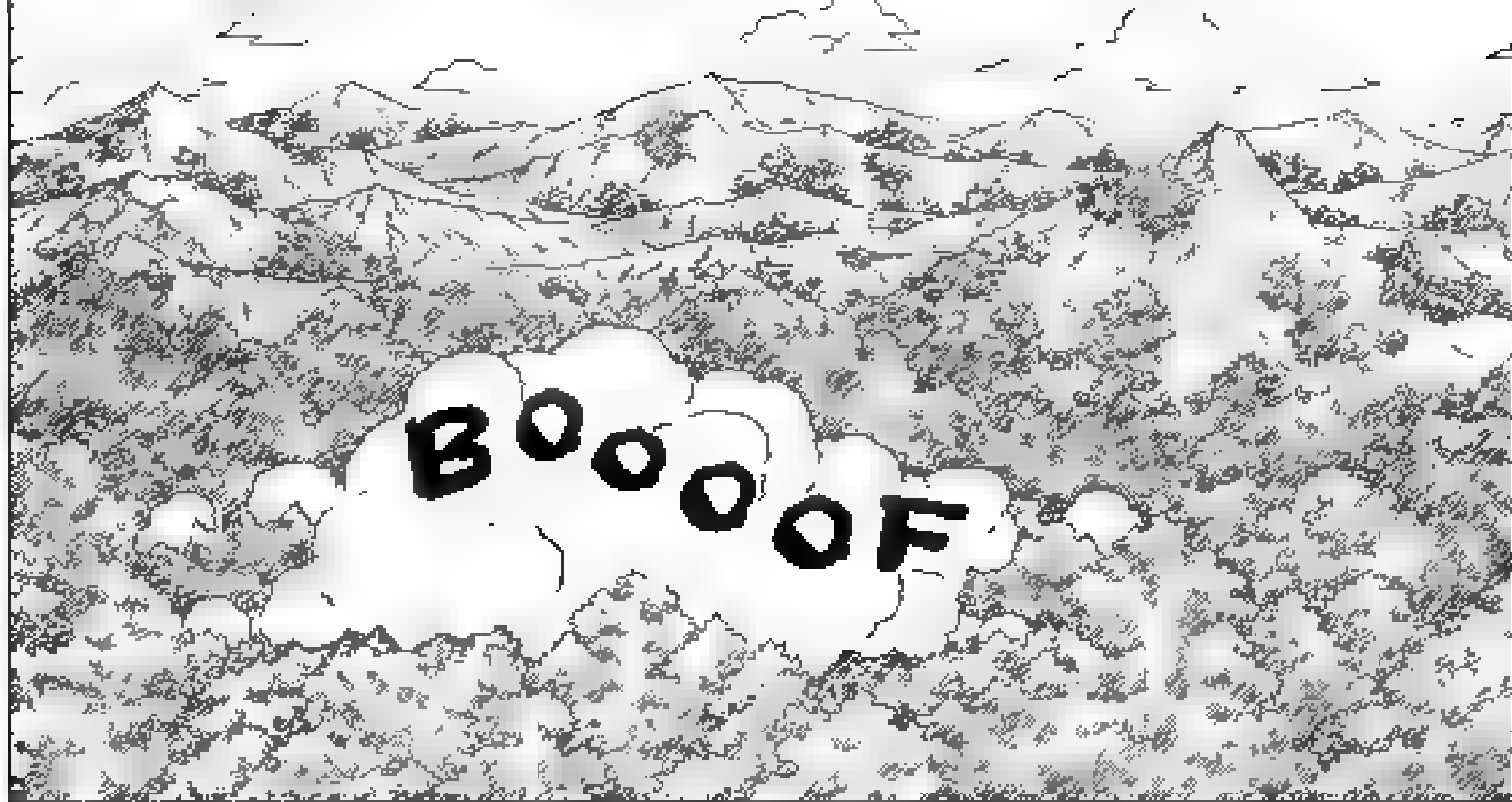
SPOOF

WIT,
HOUSE!

POISON
FOG!!

!!









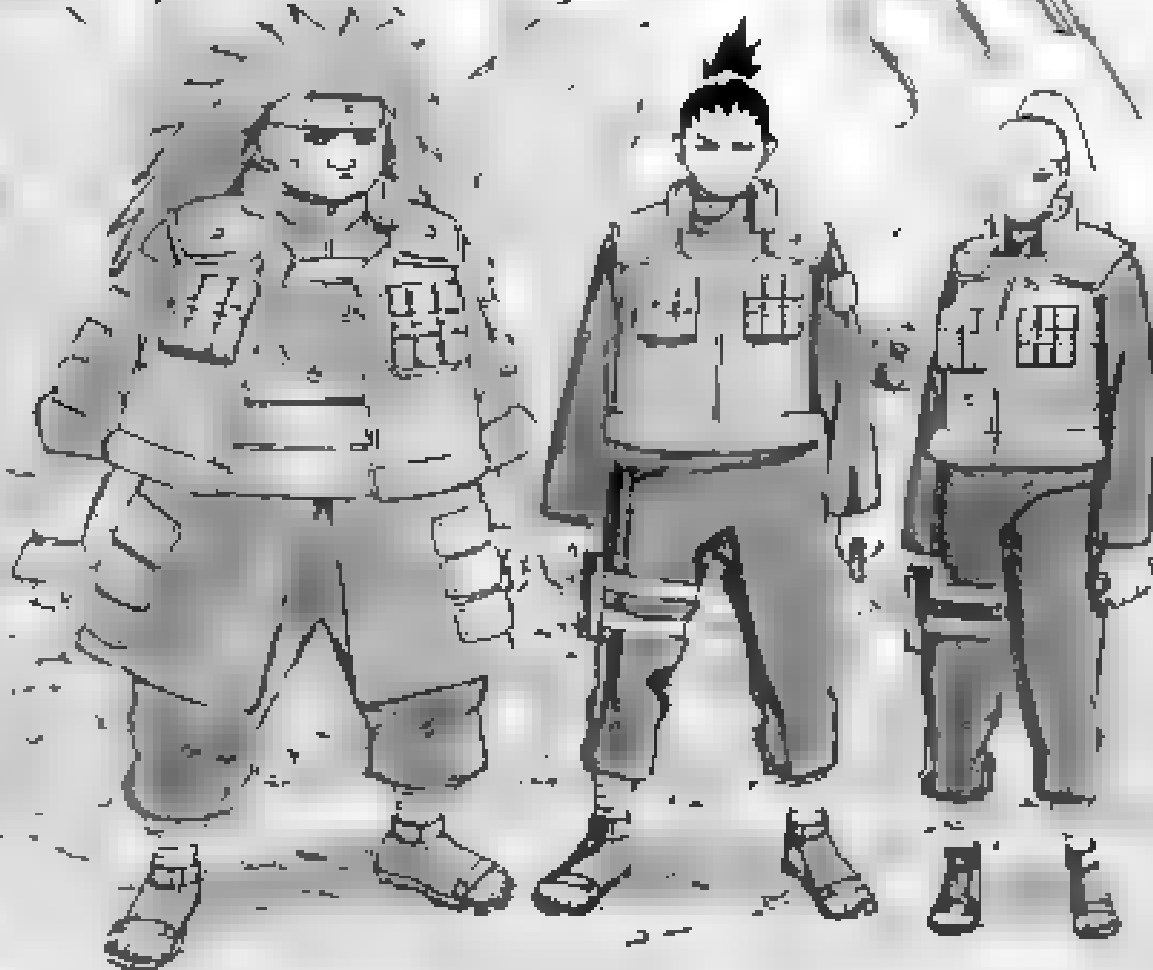


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BO OM

TAK TAK TAK

YOU
THREE.

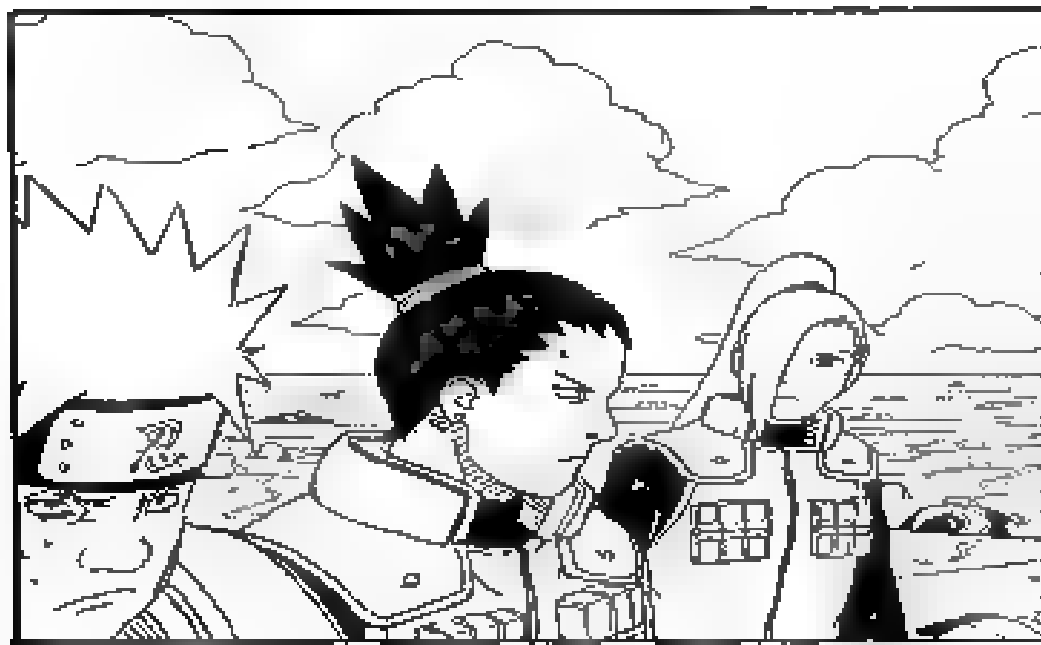


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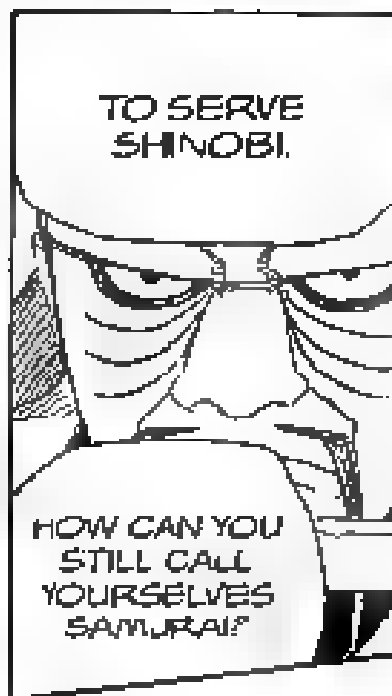


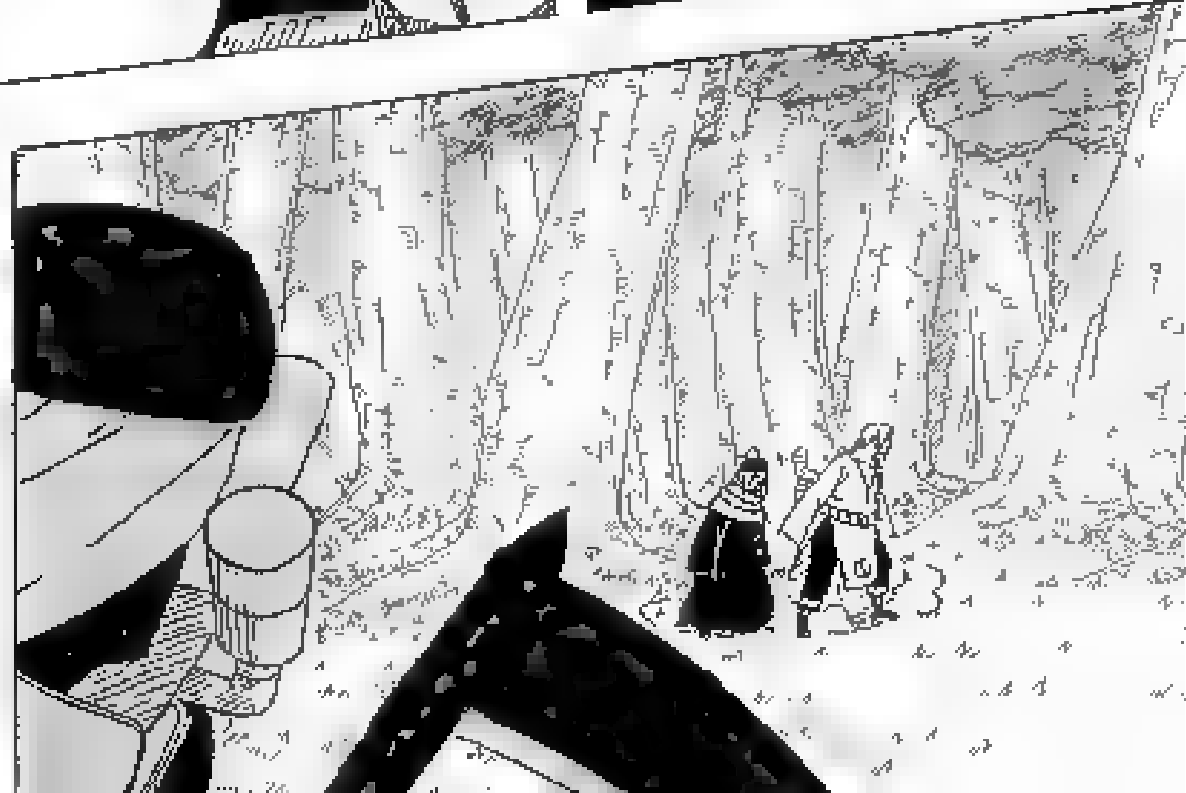
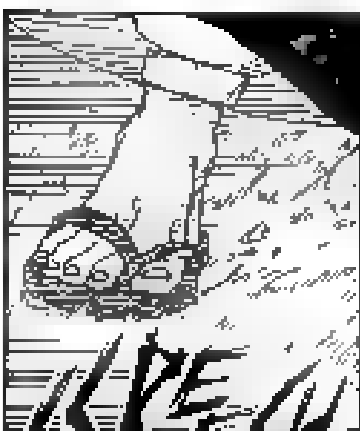
NARUTO

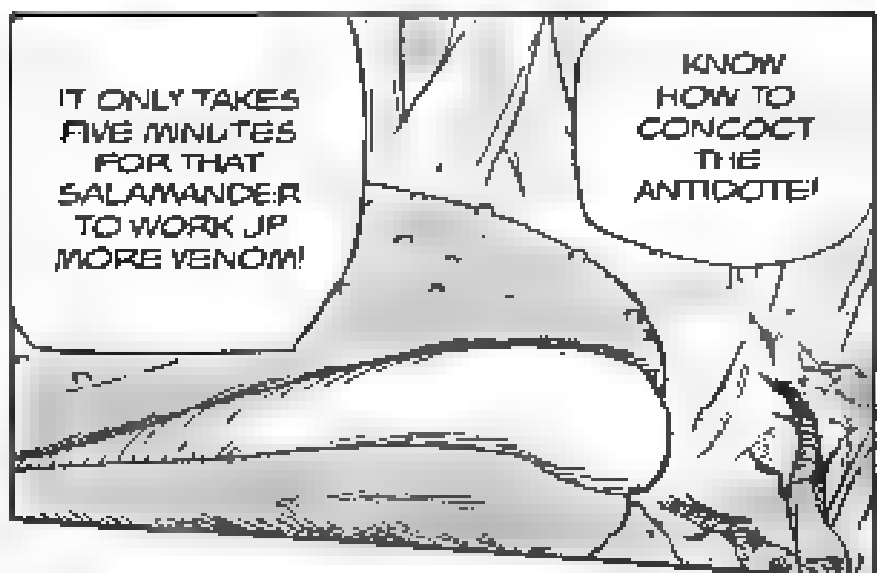
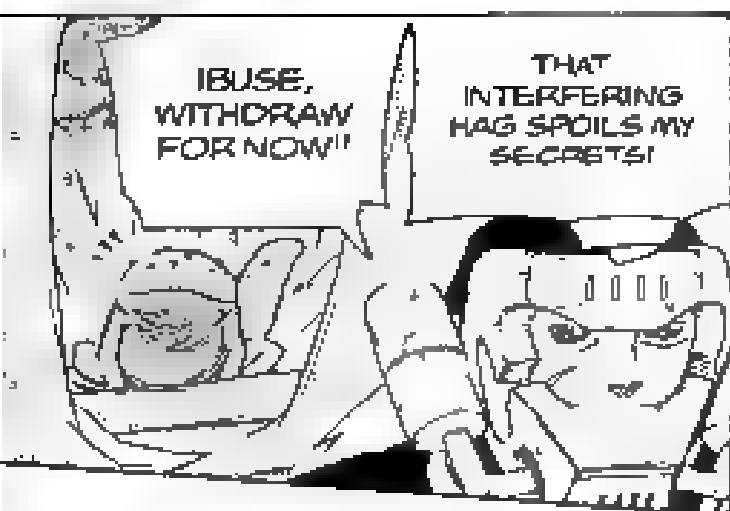


















YOU
CAME TO
REALIZE?



QUICKLY
CAME TO
REALIZE
THAT TRUE
PEACE DOES
NOT EXIST

DON'T
YOU LOOK
AT ME
THAT WAY.

I TOO ONCE
AIMED FOR PEACE.
I WAS GOING TO UNITE
THE FIVE PRINCIPLE
TERRITORIES INTO
ONE SHINOBI WORLD.

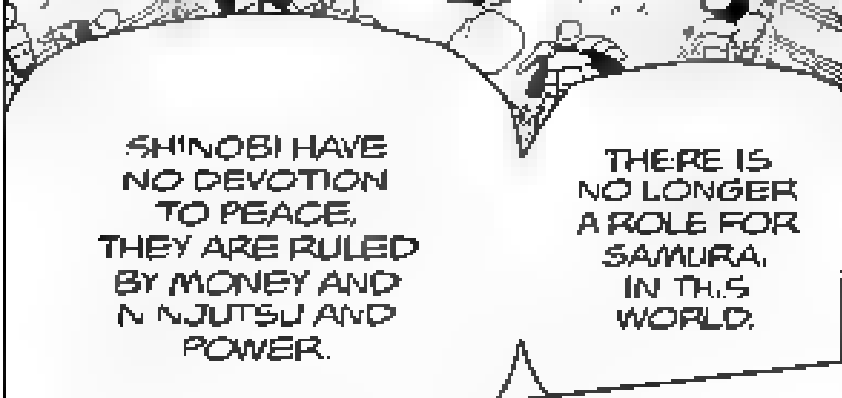


MANY
SAMURAI HAVE
BECOME SHINOBI.
THEIR TRAINING
S INTERMIXED,
TAINTED.



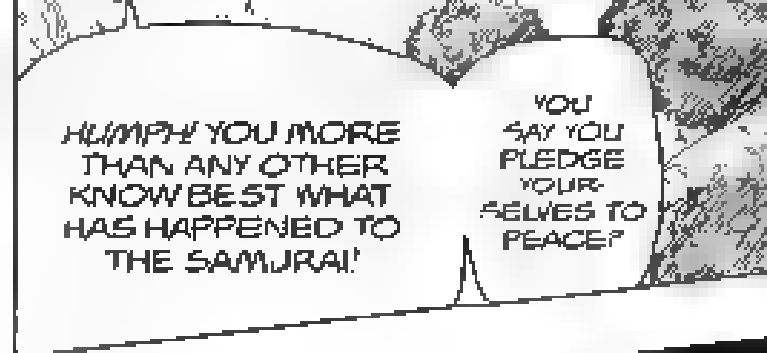
ALL THAT'S
LEFT AT
THE END IS
DEATH!

BATTLE
AFTER
BATTLE
AFTER
BATTLE.



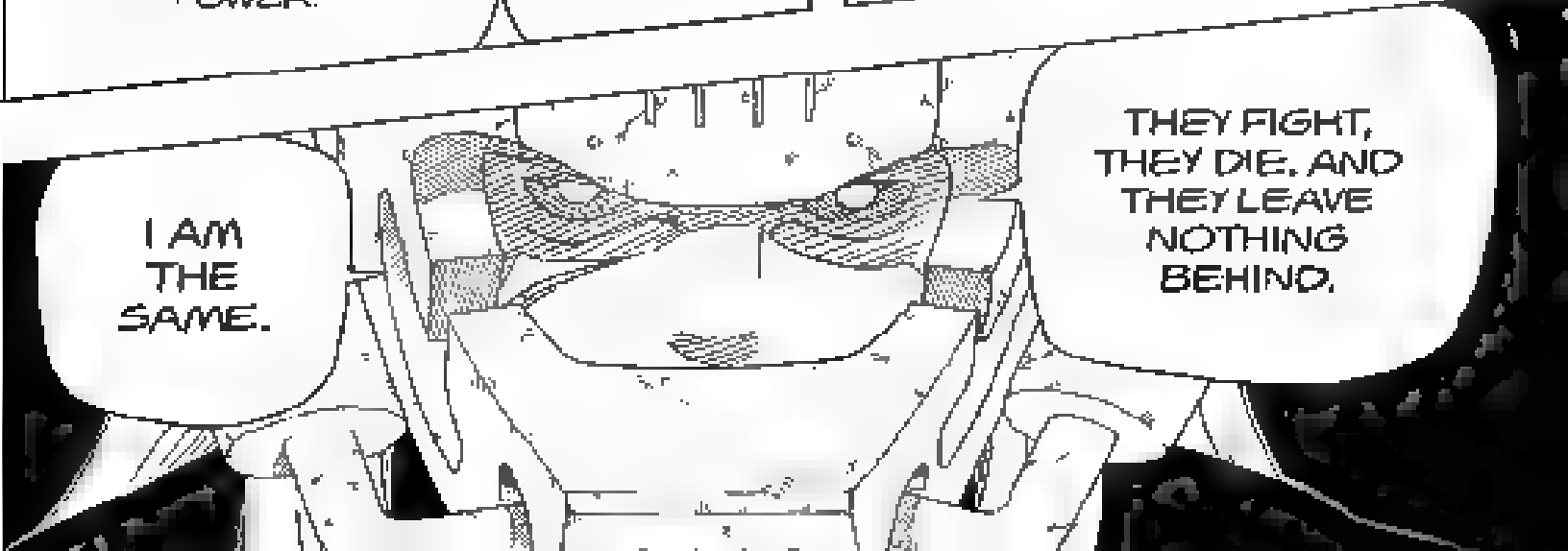
SHINOBI HAVE
NO DEVOTION
TO PEACE.
THEY ARE RULED
BY MONEY AND
NINJUTSU AND
POWER.

THERE IS
NO LONGER
A ROLE FOR
SAMURAI
IN THIS
WORLD.




HUMPH! YOU MORE
THAN ANY OTHER
KNOW BEST WHAT
HAS HAPPENED TO
THE SAMURAI!

YOU
SAY YOU
PLEDGE
YOUR-
SELVES TO
PEACE?



I AM
THE
SAME.

THEY FIGHT,
THEY DIE. AND
THEY LEAVE
NOTHING
BEHIND.




WHAT
DRIVES
ME IS MY
CONVICTION!

YOU ARE
WRONG.
TIS NOT A
QUESTION
OF LIFE OR
DEATH.

YOURS HAS
BECOME
WARPED!

IT IS FINE BY ME
IF I SHOULD LOSE MY
LIFE IN THE PURSUIT
OF PEACE!



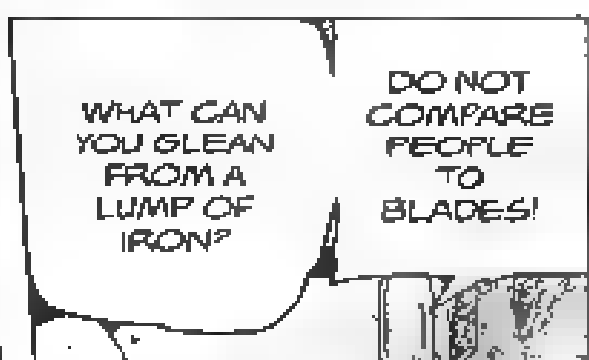
KLAK

AND THUS
ONE CAN LIVE
ON IN OTHERS'
MEMORIES,
LIKE MY FAMED
BLADE
KUROSAWA
HERE.

ACCORDING TO
THE SAMURAI
WAY, PEOPLE
THEMSELVES
ARE SWORDS!




I TOLD YOU
CONVICTION
LIVES
FOREVER.



WHAT CAN
YOU GLEAN
FROM A
LUMP OF
IRON?

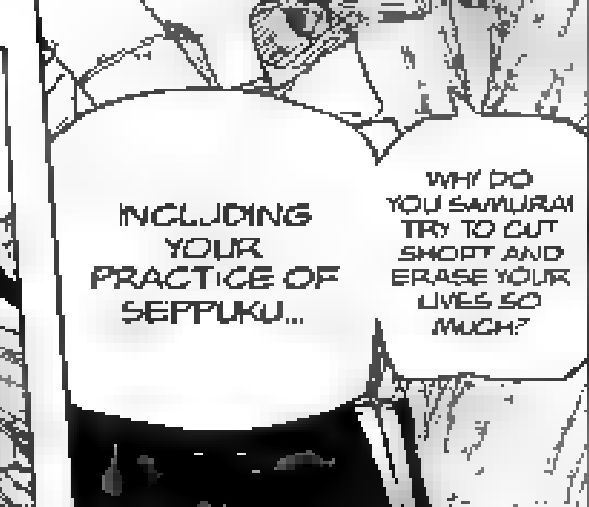
DO NOT
COMPARE
PEOPLE
TO
BLADES!



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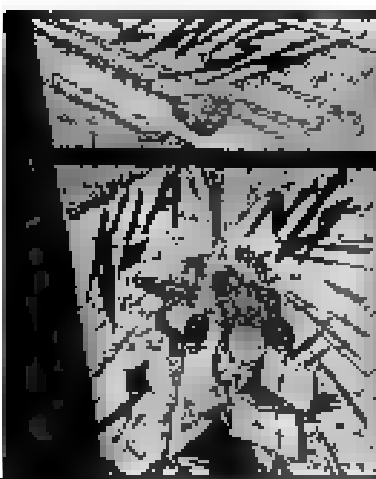
I SHALL
ERASE YOU
SAMURAI,
ONCE AND
FOR ALL

ENOUGH
NON-
SENSE!



INCLUDING
YOUR
PRACTICE OF
SEPPUKU...

WHY DO
YOU SAMURAI
TRY TO CUT
SHORT AND
ERASE YOUR
LIVES SO
MUCH?



MY
TWO-STEP
SICKLE
AND-CHAIN
ATTACK

NO ONE'S
EVER
MANAGED
TO AVOID IT

SO THIS IS WHAT THEY
MEANT BY NINJUTSU
NOT WORKING AGAINST
MIFUNE YOU DO NOT
ALLOW ANY TIME TO
WEAVE SIGNS.

YOU LIVE
UP TO YOUR
REPUTATION
AS AN
EXPERT
SWORDS-
MAN.

AND..

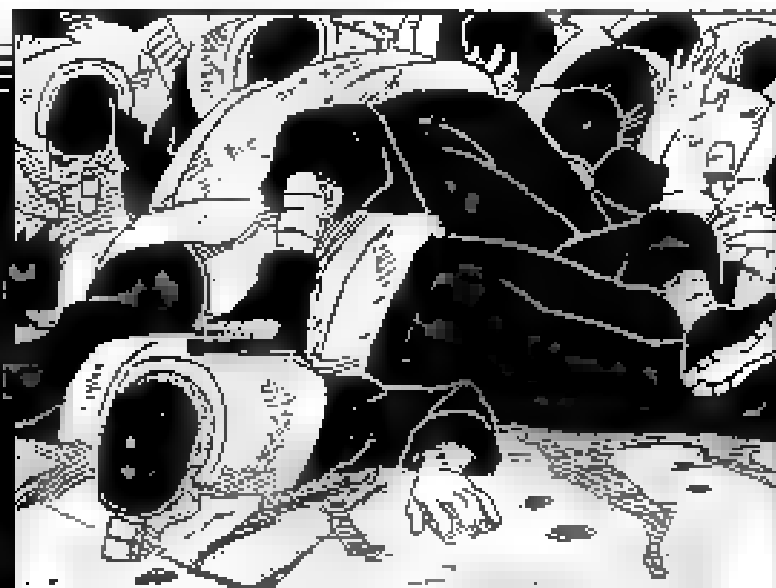
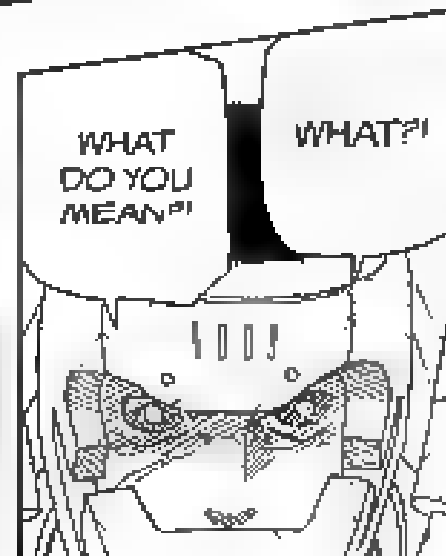
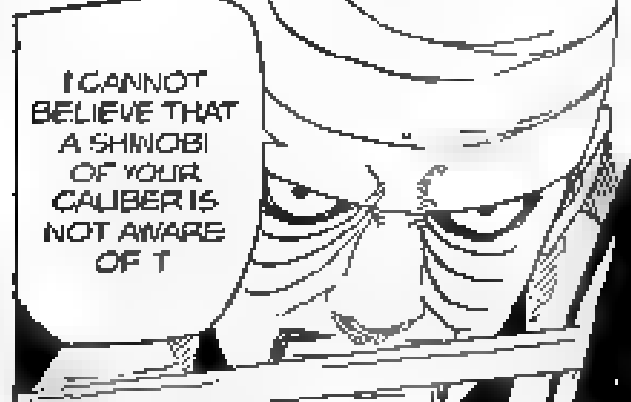
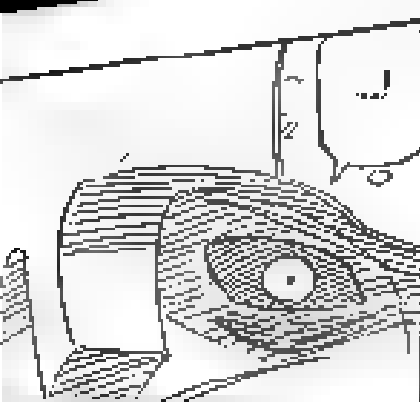
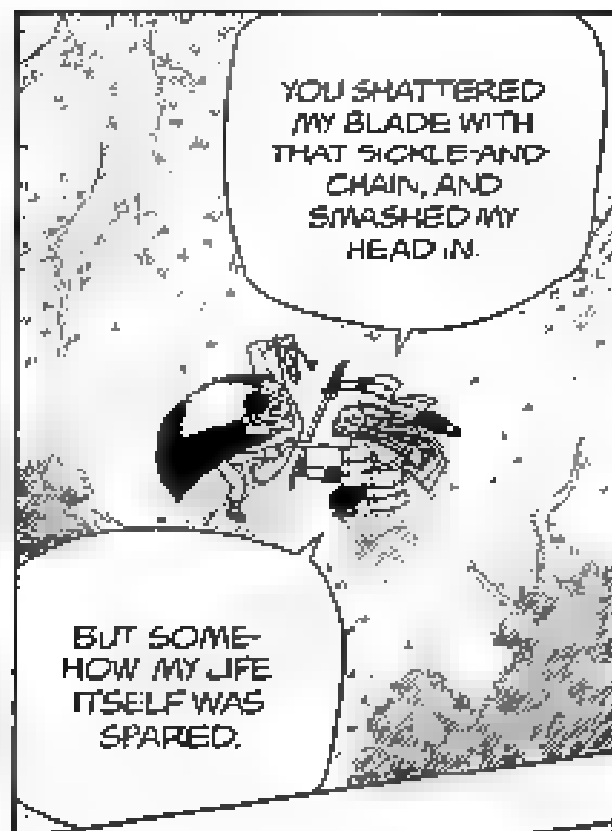


THEN
WHY ARE
YOU NOT
DEAD?

WE ACTUALLY
EXCHANGED
BLOWS ONCE,
THOUGH
DOUBT YOU
WOULD
RE-MEMBER



IN THE
DISTANT
PAST, WHEN
MY NAME
WAS STILL
UNKNOWN





YOU,
YOU'RE
YAHIKO
OF THE
AKATSUKI

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

BUT
YOU'RE
DEAD!



HAVE YOU
FORGOT-
TEN MY
FACE?



WHAT
ARE
YOU?!

HOW DO
YOU HAVE
SO MUCH
POWER?!



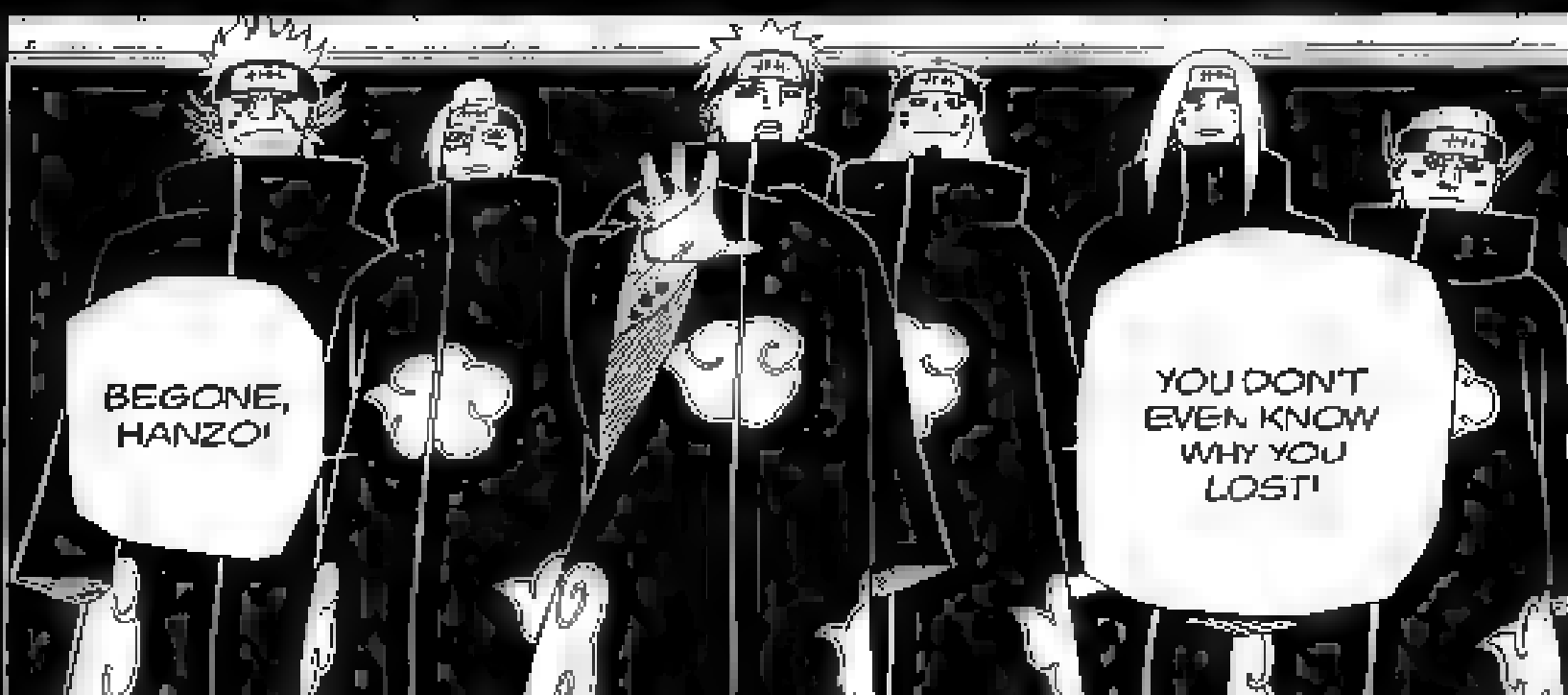
I ONCE
RESPECTED
YOU.

BUT
YOU HAVE
CHANGED.



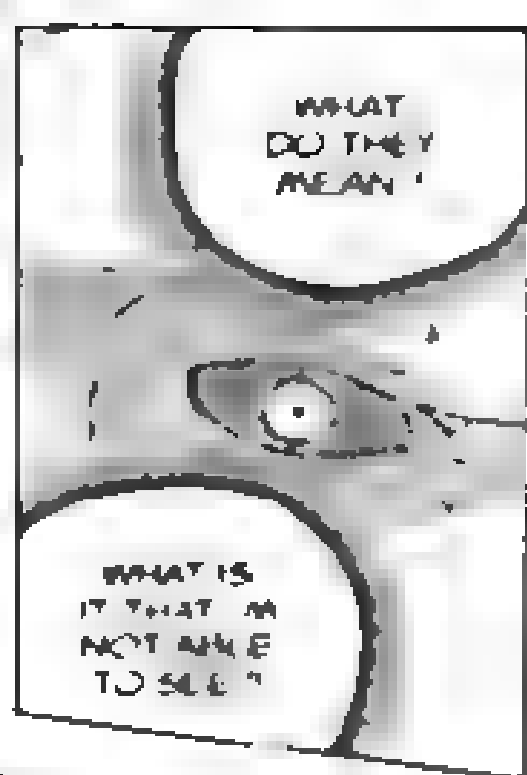
YOU
ALLIED WITH
DANZO AND
BETRAYED US

YOU ARE
NOW ONLY
INTERESTED
IN SELF-
PRESERVATION-
YOU ARE A PIECE
OF GARBAGE.



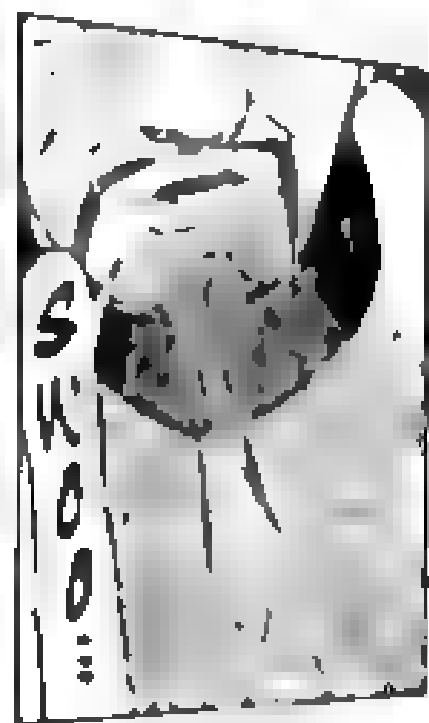
BEGONE,
HANZO!

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHY YOU
LOST!



WHAT
DO THEY
MEAN?

WHAT IS
IT THAT AM
NOT ABLE
TO SEE?



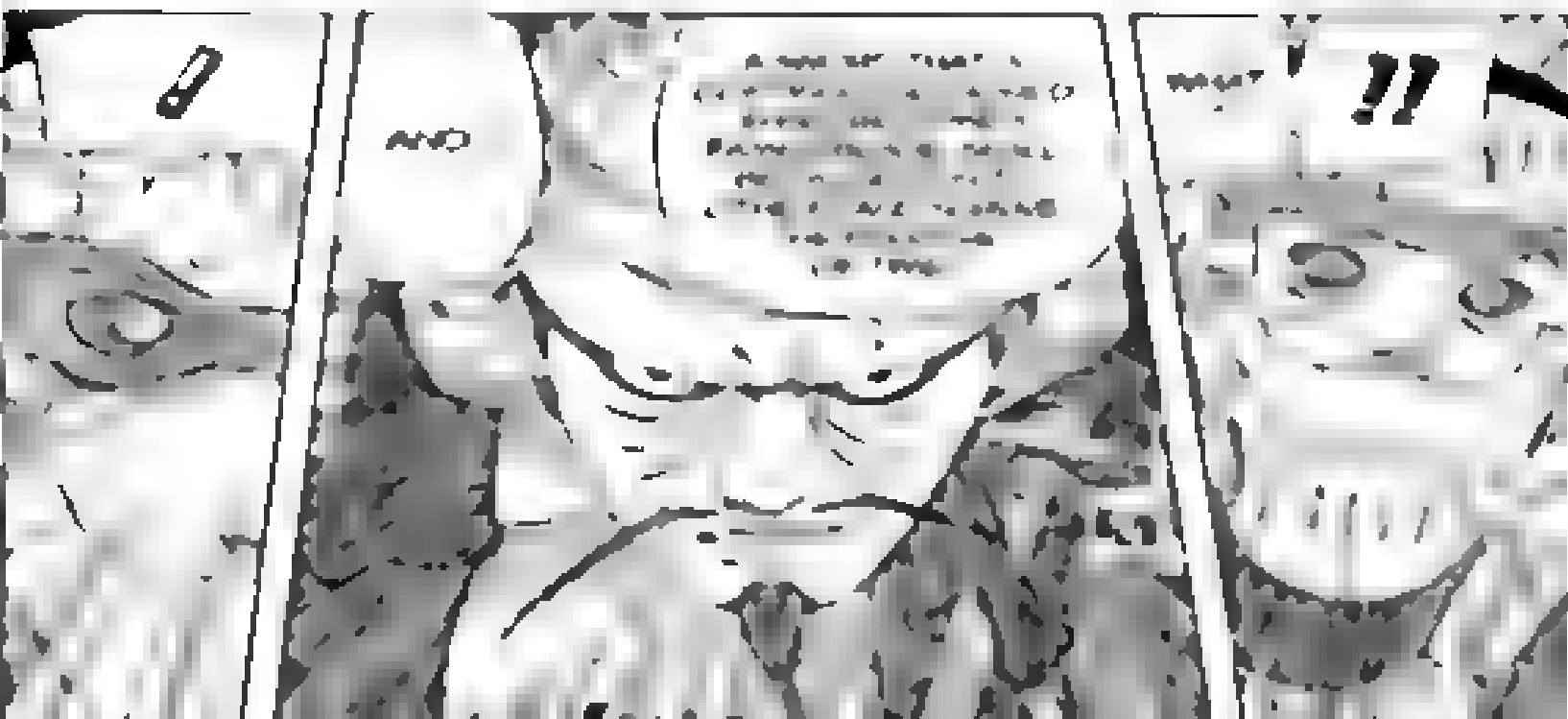
S...H...O...

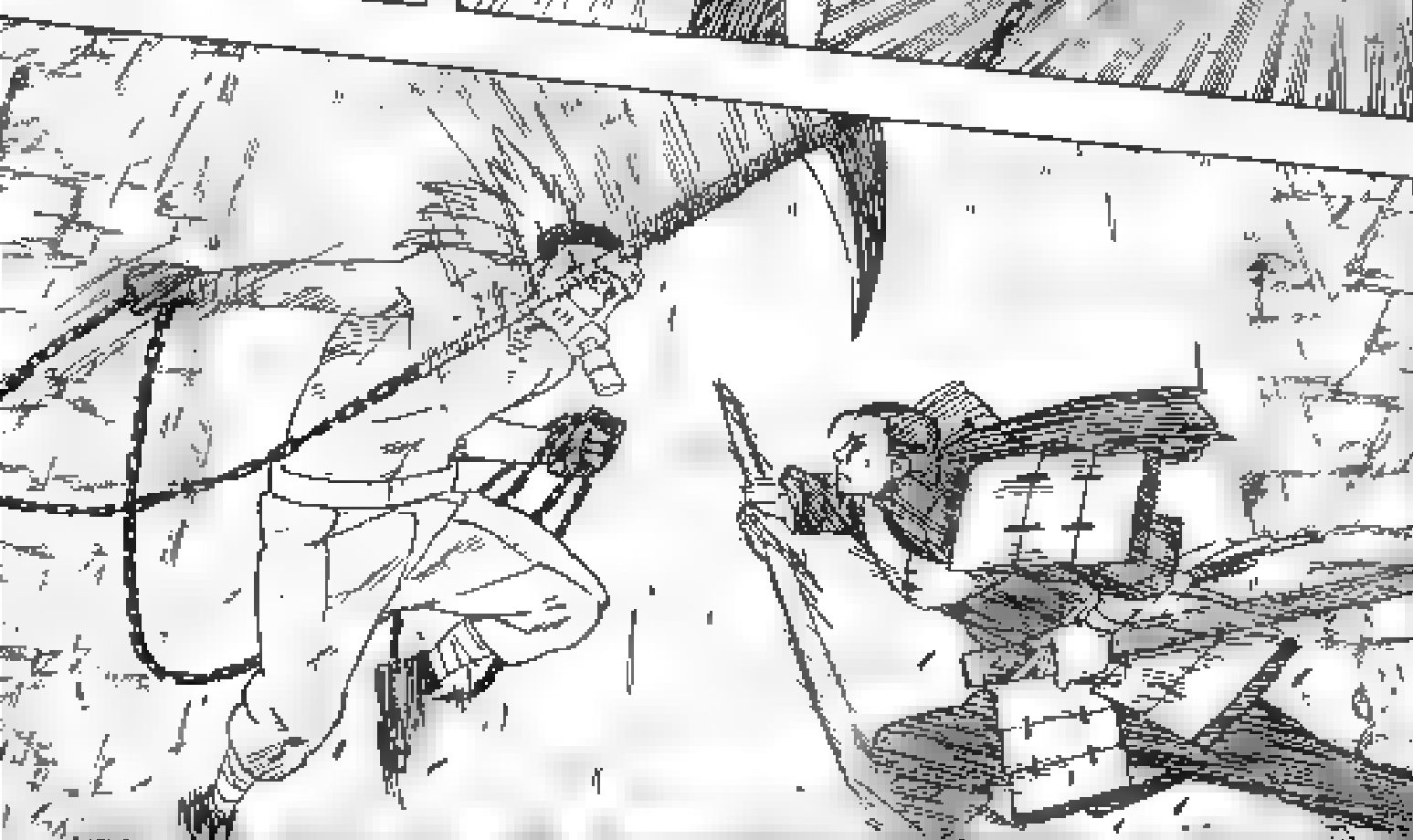
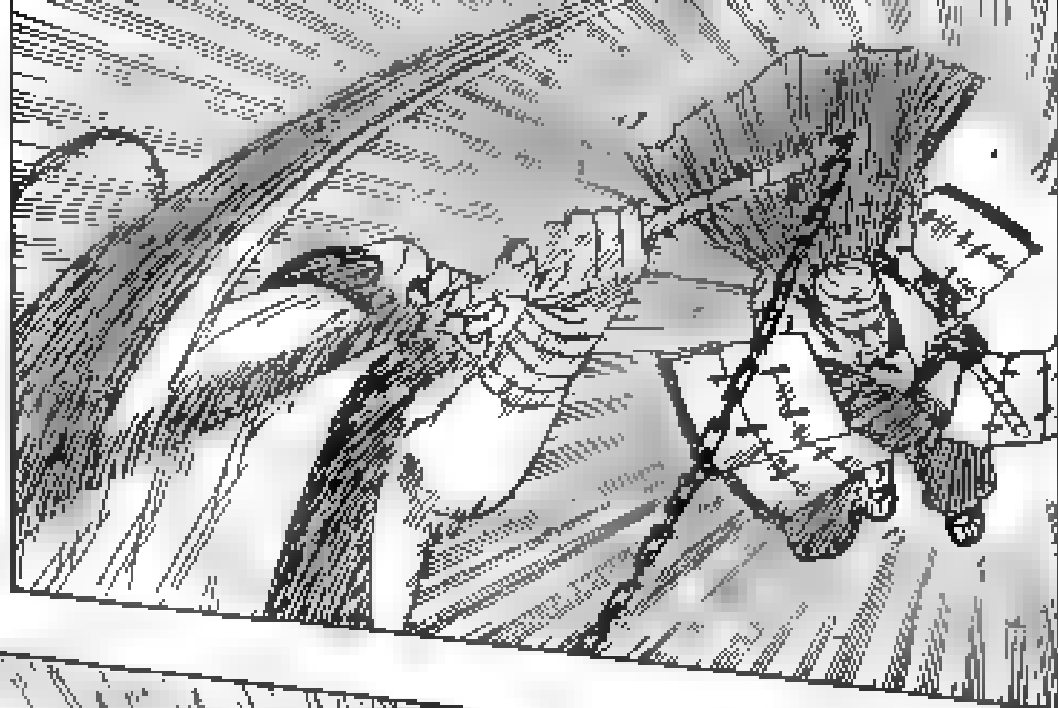


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I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
OF YOU

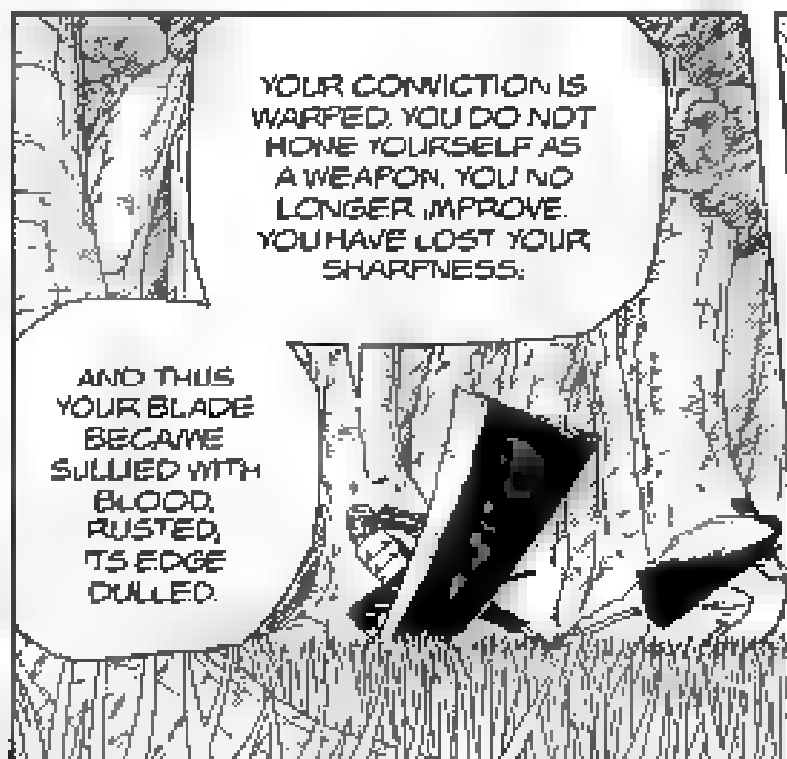
BE BATHED
IN VENOM
AND DIE!

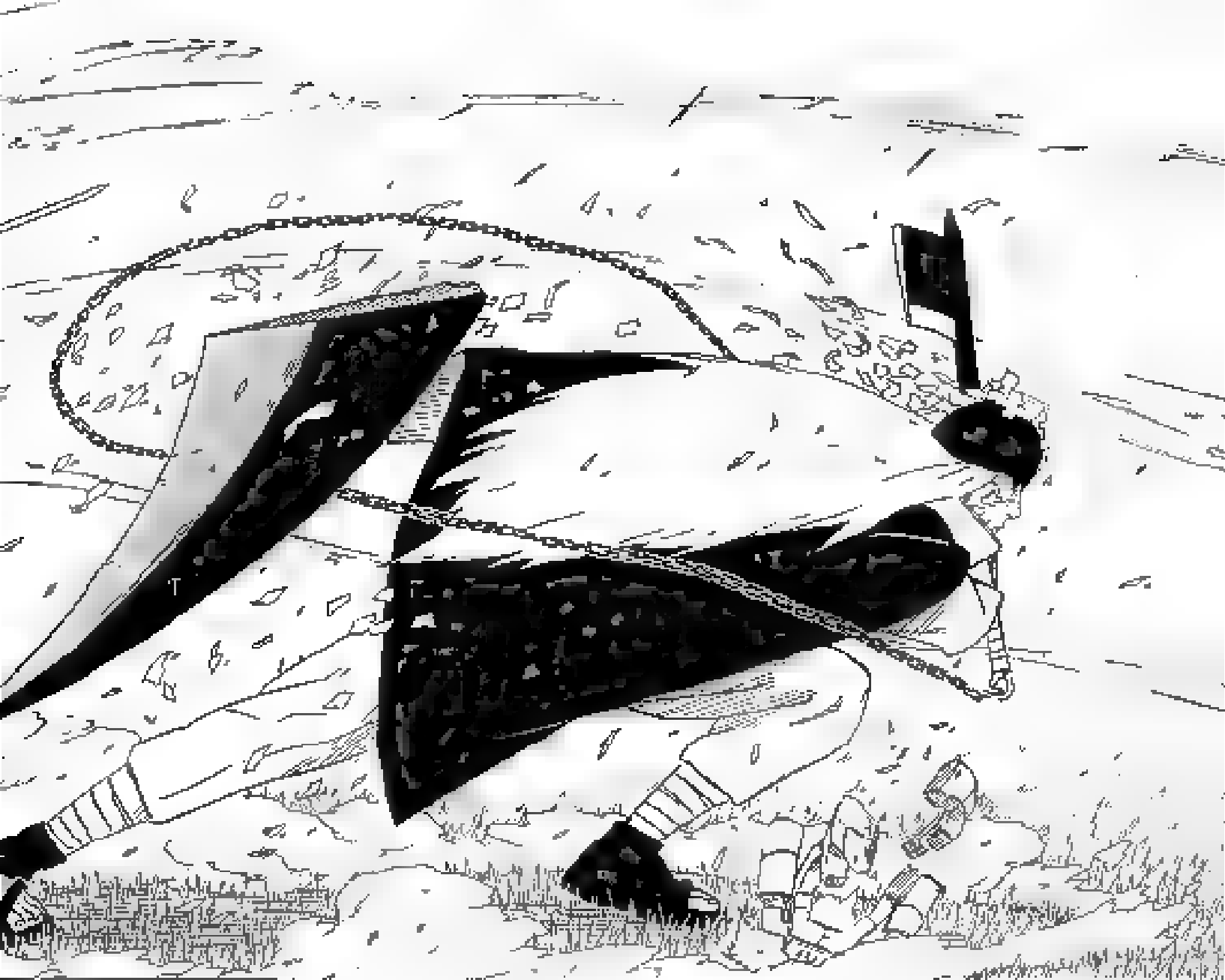






A BLUNT
SWORD
DOES NOT
LAST!









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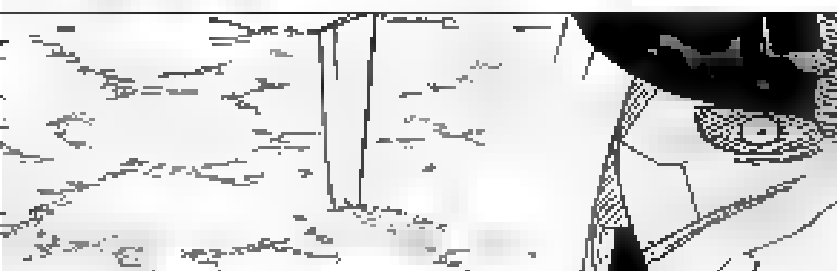
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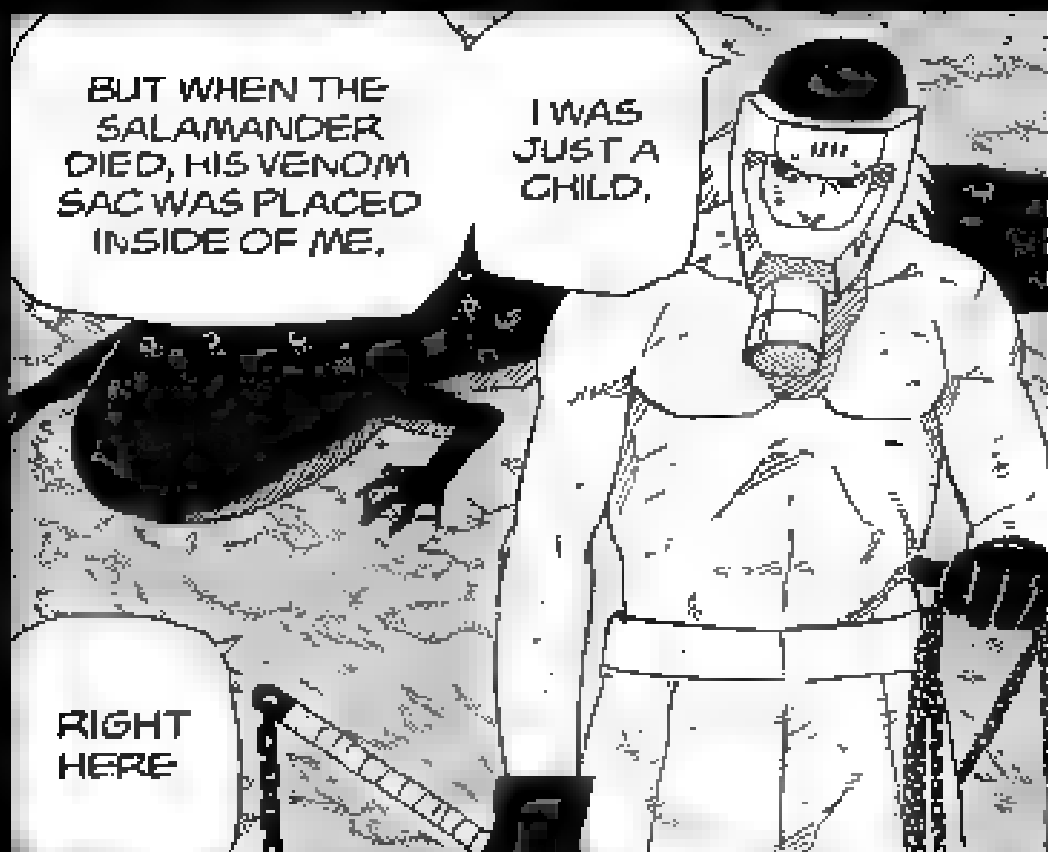
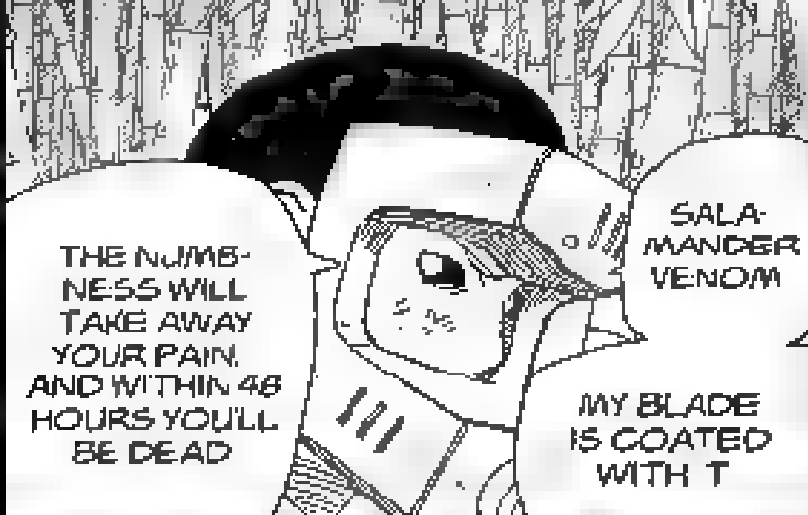
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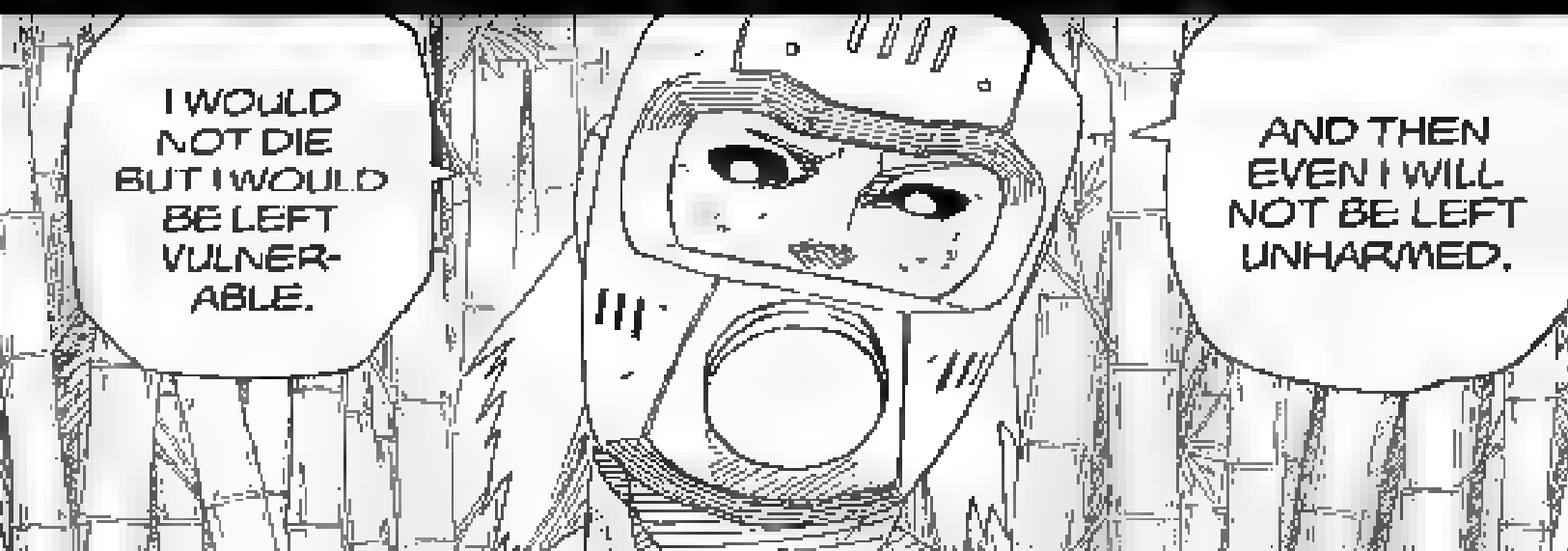
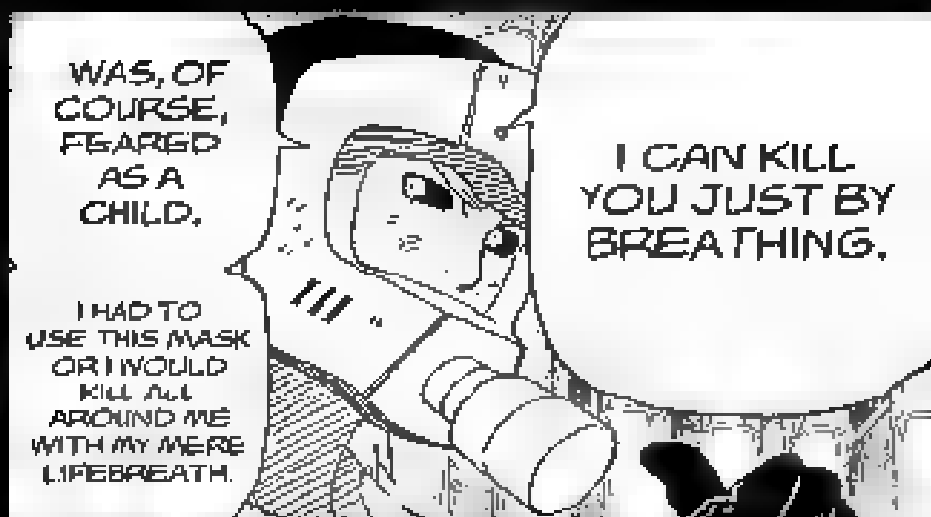
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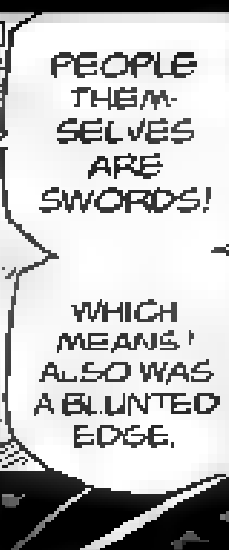
WAR

Mifune vs. Hanzo - Decided!!

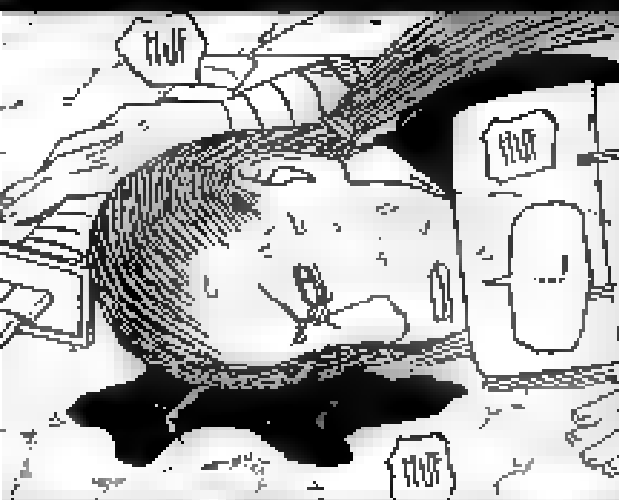




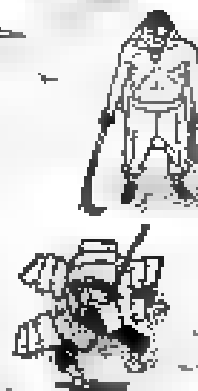




LOSS OF
CONVIC-
TION IS
THE END.



EVEN IF YOU
WERE TO DIE
HERE, YOU
WOULDN'T BE
CONSIDERED
BLUNTED OR
DULL



IT'S
ACTUALLY
QUITE
INCONVE-
NIENT.

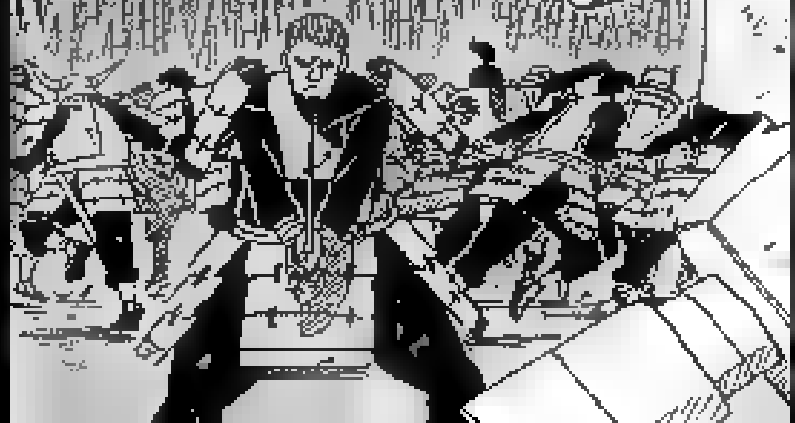
YOU CAN'T
JUDGE THE
WARRIOR BY
THE BLADE.



YOU USED
YOUR BODY
AS A SHIELD
TO TRY TO
DEFEND
THEM.

...SEIZED WITH
FEAR AND
FLEEING UPON
HEARING MY
NAME, WHO TRULY
ARE WORTHLESS
LUMPS OF RON.

IT IS YOUR
COMPANIONS,
WHO ABANDONED
THE FIGHT AT THE
VERY BEGINNING...



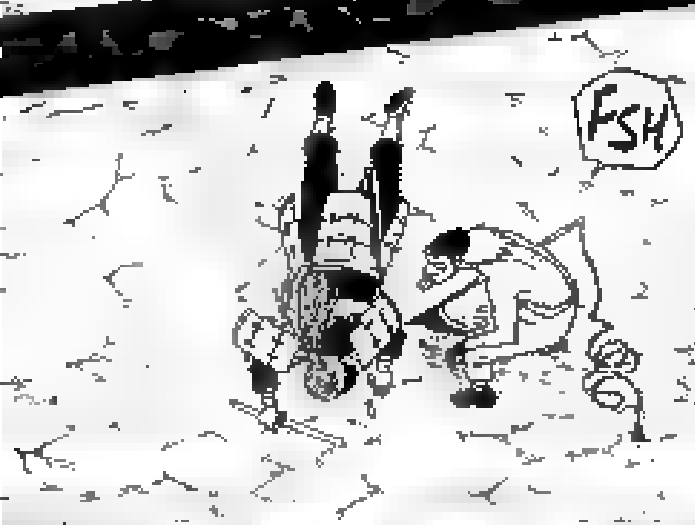


BUT
SOMETIMES
ONE CAN
TELL FROM
FIGHTING
THAT
PERSON.

...AND
YOU ARE A
RARE ONE
INDEED.

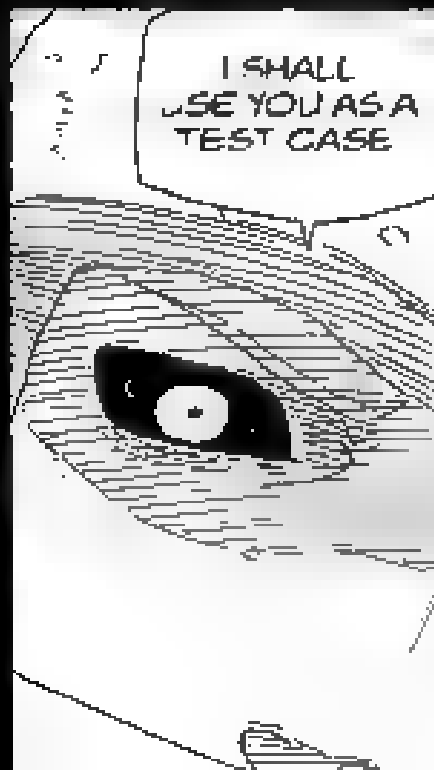


TOLD YOU
THAT ONE
CANNOT TELL
IF SOMEONE
HAS CONVIC-
TION OR NOT
JUST BY
LOOKING AT
THEM.



SHALL
SPARE
YOUR LIFE
TODAY..

..THOUGH
YOU'VE TAKEN
IN SO MUCH
POISON THERE
IS STILL A
CHANCE YOU
MAY DIE.



..TO BRING
PEACE TO
THIS
WORLD.



TO SEE IF YOU
WILL DIE STILL
EMBRACING
YOUR
CONVICTIONS..

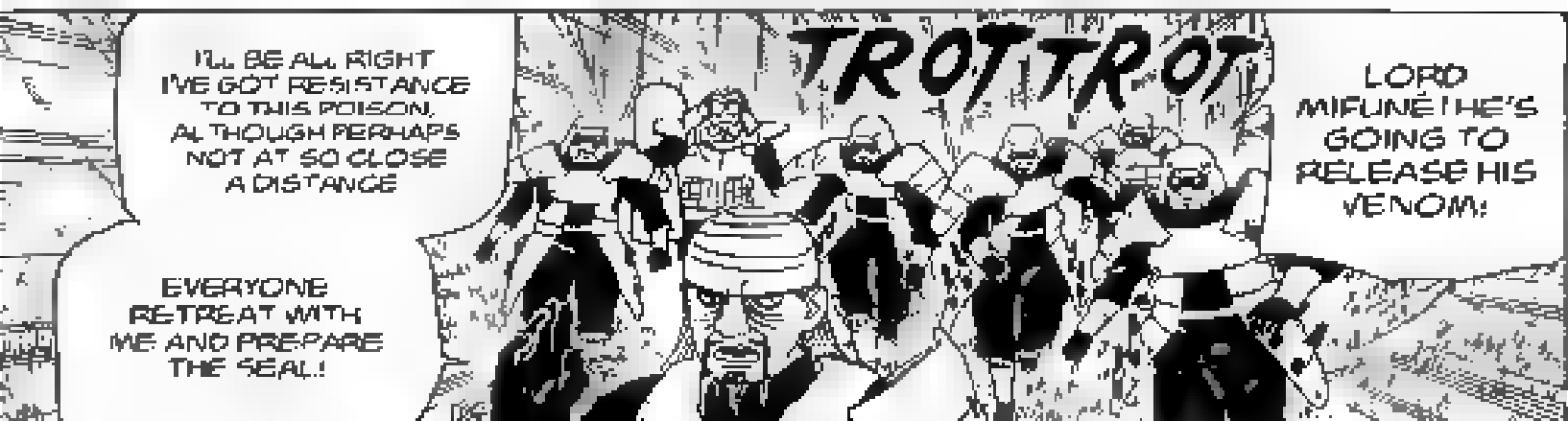
..OR WHETHER
YOU END UP
SURVIVING, AND
ABANDON THOSE
CONVICTIONS
OVER TIME.

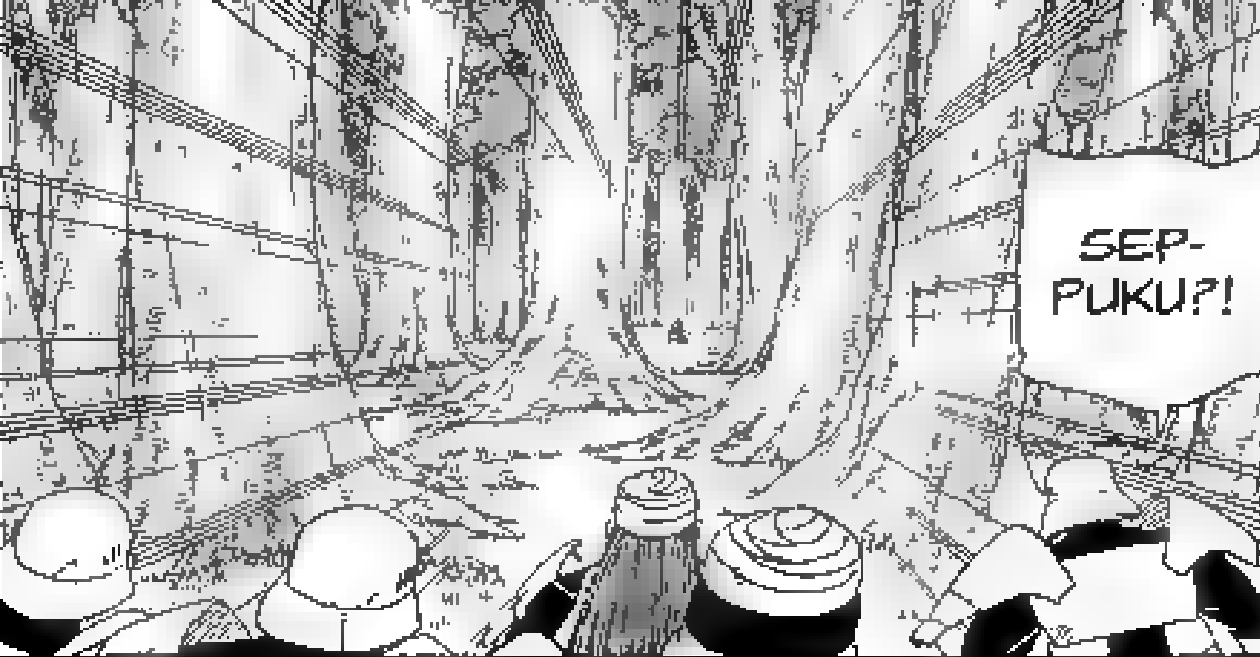


YOU WERE
THE ONE WHO
INSISTED ON
TESTING ME.

HAVE
YOU REALLY
ABANDONED
YOUR
CONVICTION?!







SEP-
PUKU?!



HE'S
DISOBEYING
THE ORDERS
EMBEDDED
IN HIS TAG?!



DRIP



EVEN
RESISTANT...
I FEEL
PAIN.



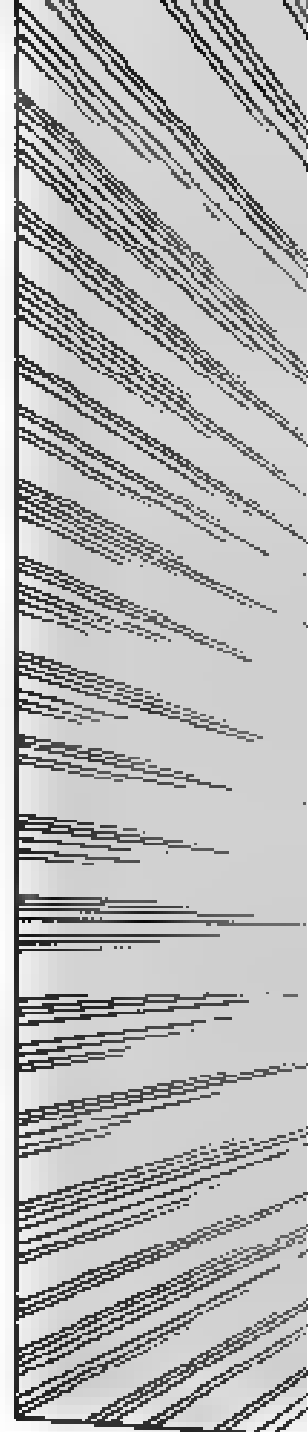
TIME
FOR
MIND-
LESS
MODE
THEN

HE
KILLED
HIM-
SELF?!

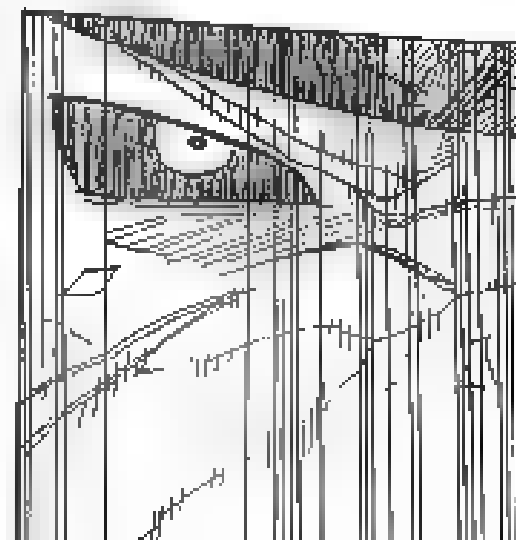
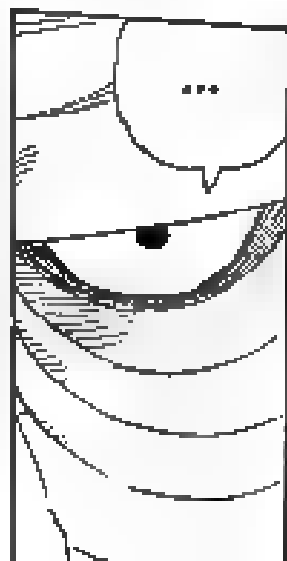


VEEN

VEEN



SKOO



HE WAS
ABLE TO
FIGHT
THE MAN
IN THE
SHAD-
OWS!

LORD HANZO
FOUGHT THE
CONTROLLER
AND WON!

LORD HANZO
FOUGHT THE
CONTROLLER
AND WON!

WHY'S HE NOT MOVING ?!

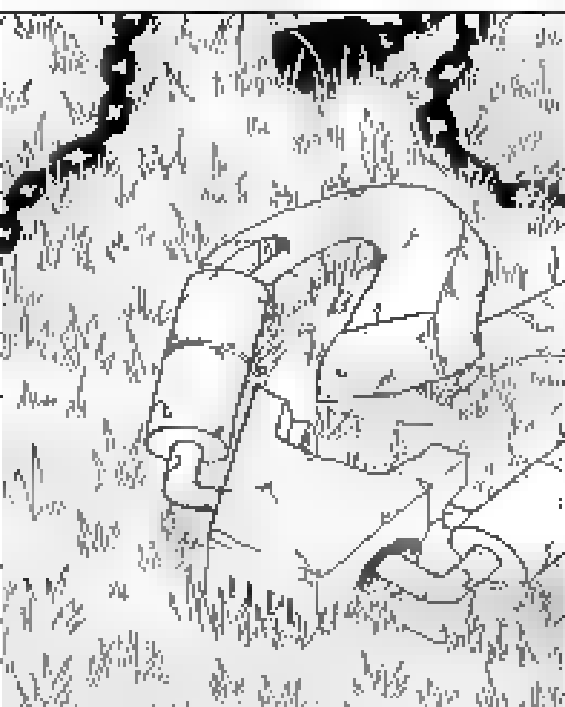
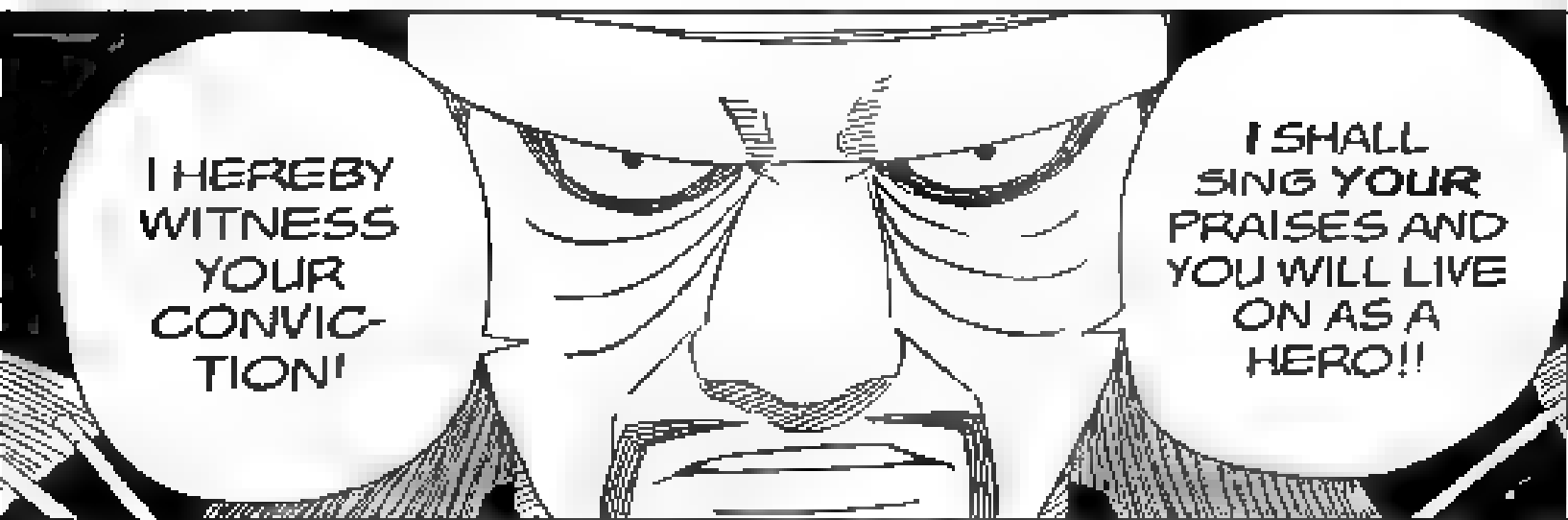
WHAT ?!

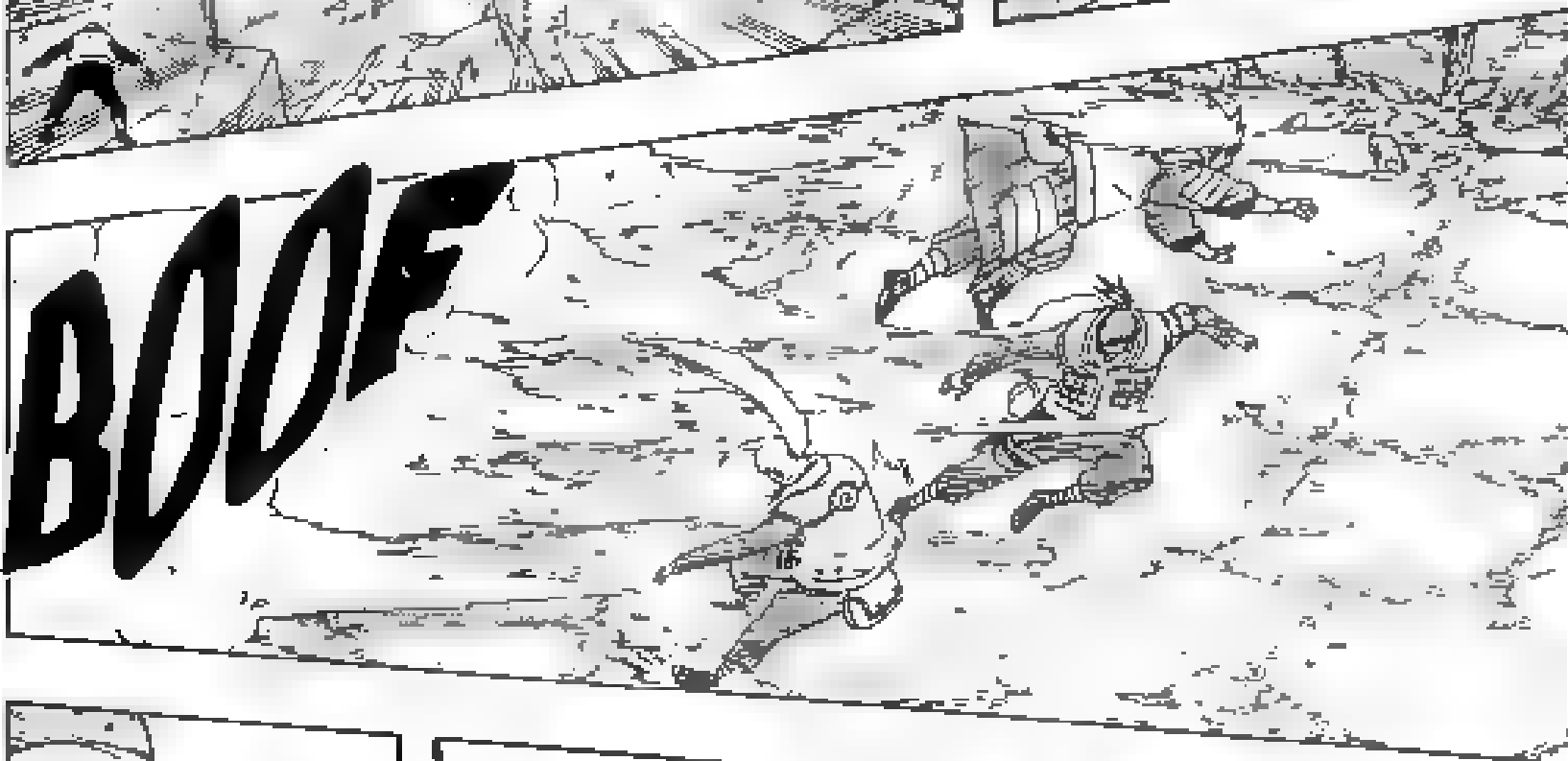
WHAT

YOU SHOW
YOU'RE NOT
JUST A
BLUNTED
BLADE!

IF YOU
REMAIN
TRUE TO
YOUR
SELF...

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HERE HE
COMES!!

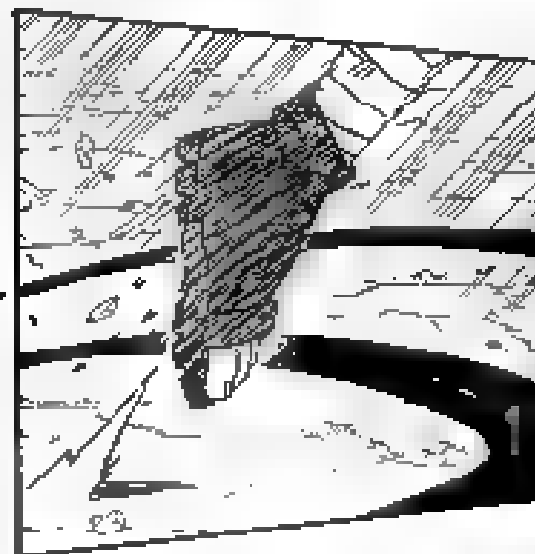
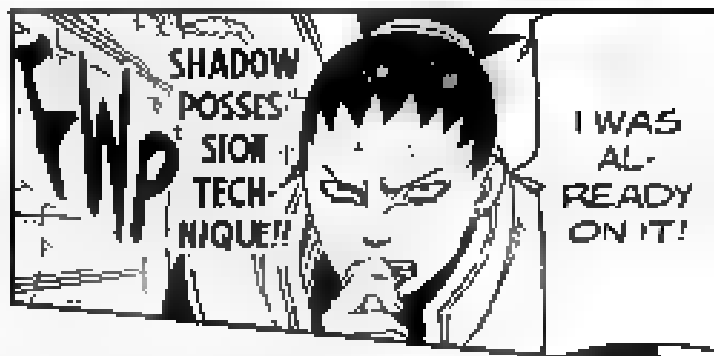


YOUR MOVEMENTS
ARE SLOW TODAY,
CHOJI! SPEED IT
UP, MAN!




UNH!!

THUD







I CAN'T
TAKE MY
MASTER
DOWN!!

I'M
SORRY!
I CAN'T
DO IT!!



ARGH
!!



CHOJI
!!



WIND
STYLE! DUST
STORM
JUTSU!!

FIGHT
!!

FWP





TA

POOF

POOF

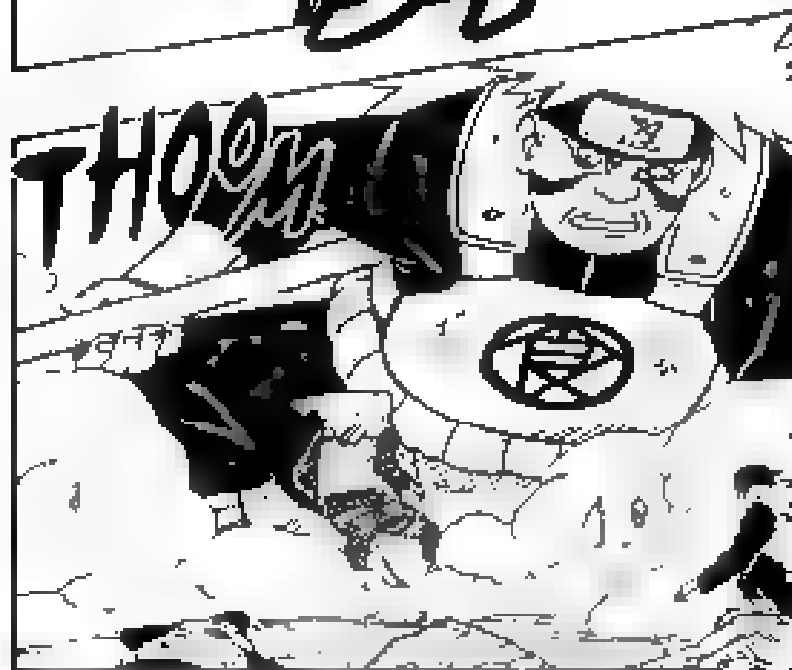
HE DODGED IT

GAH!

POOF

POOF

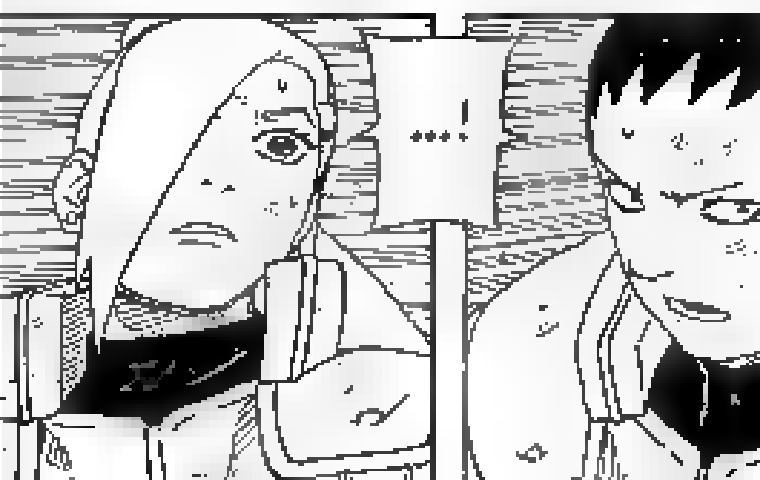
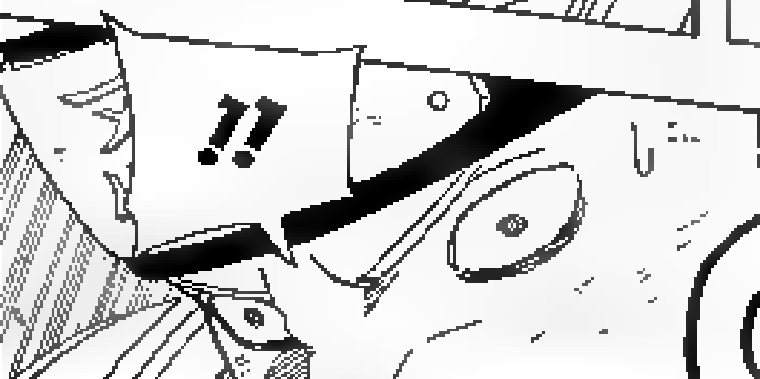
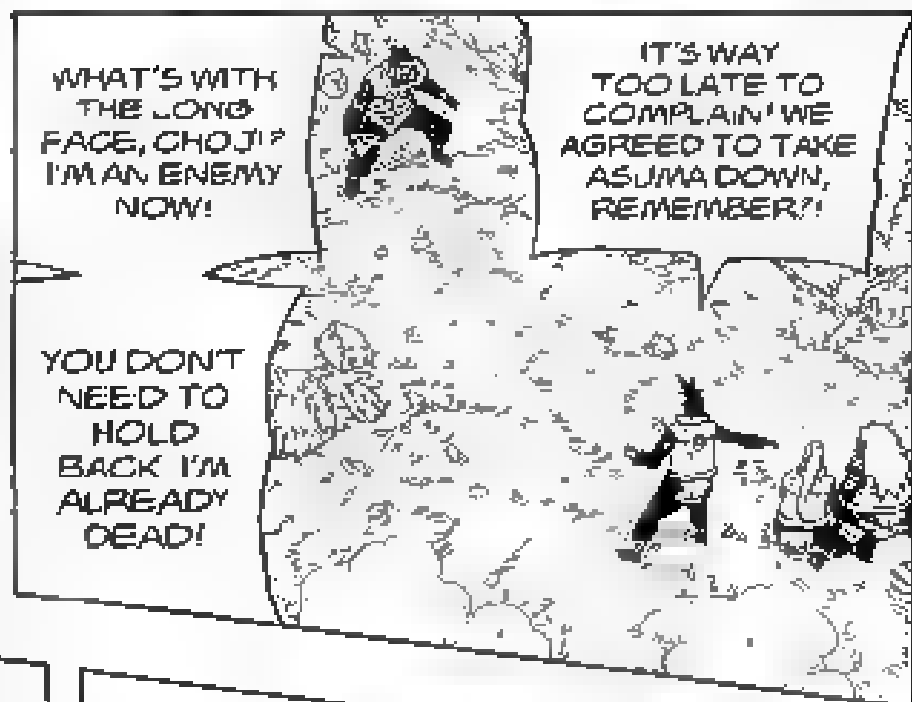


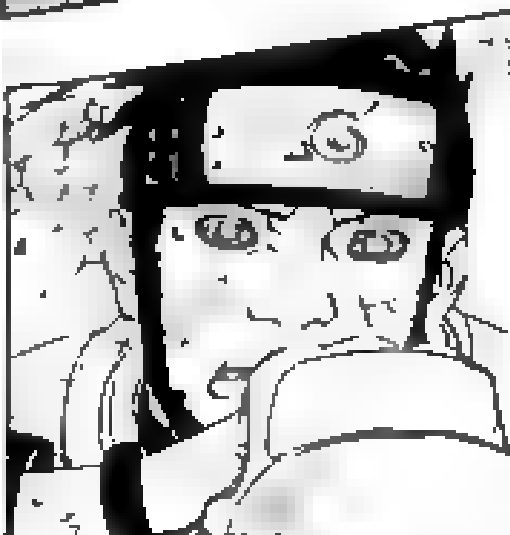
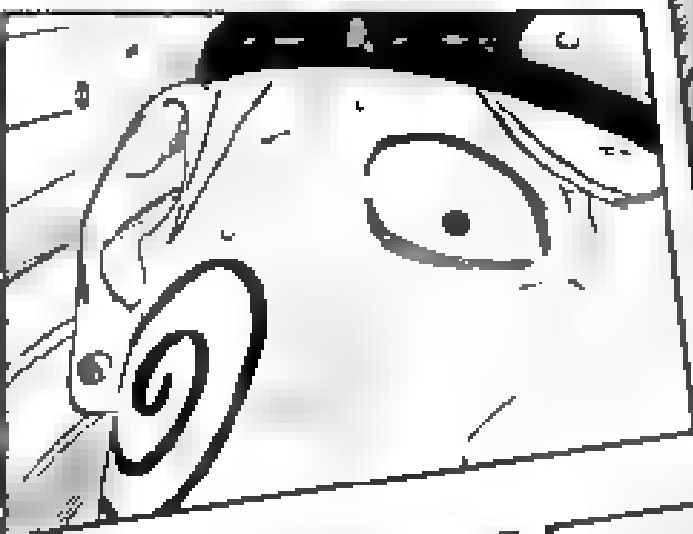
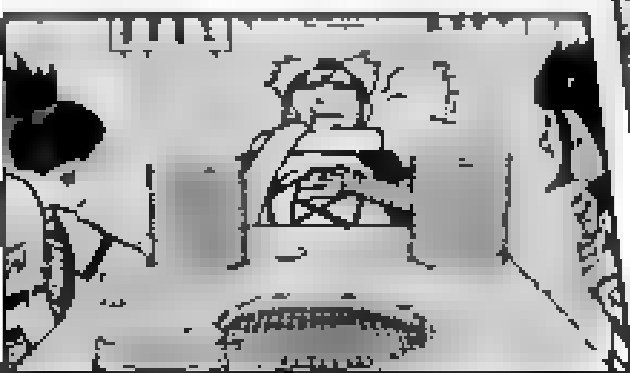
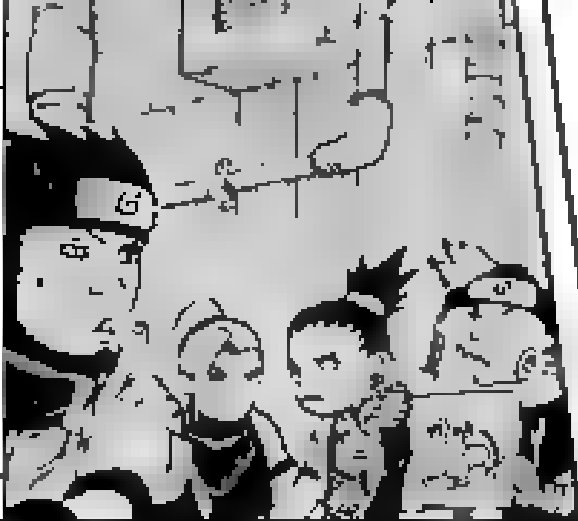


THIS IS PHENOM-
ENAL
BUT
WHOSE
IS IT?

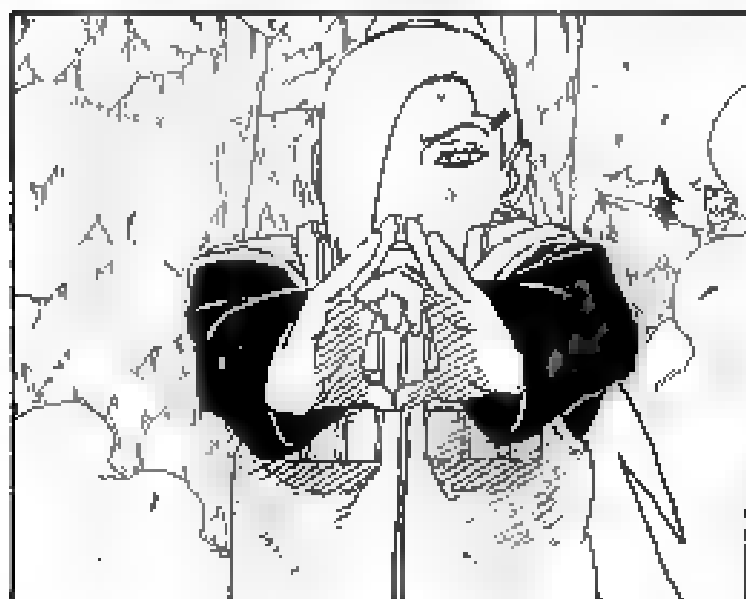
YEAH! I
GOT THE
LIGHTNING
ONE!!

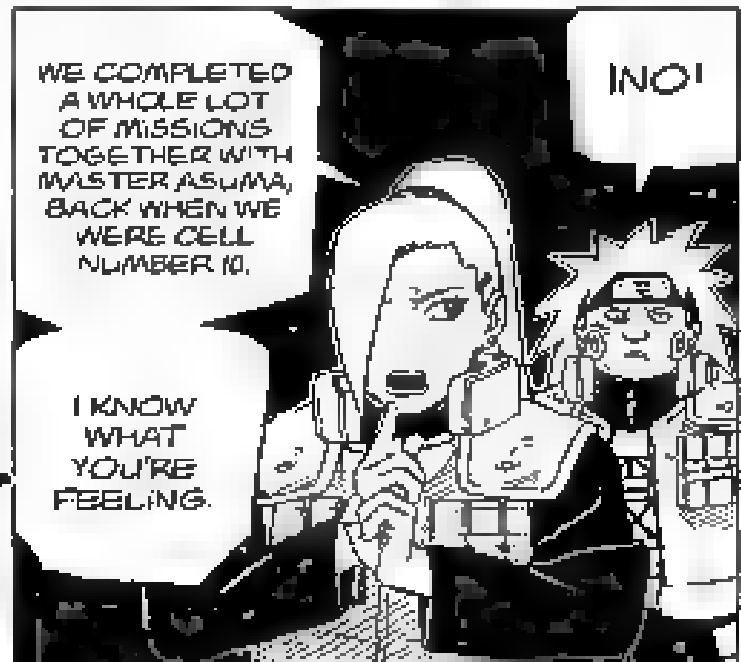
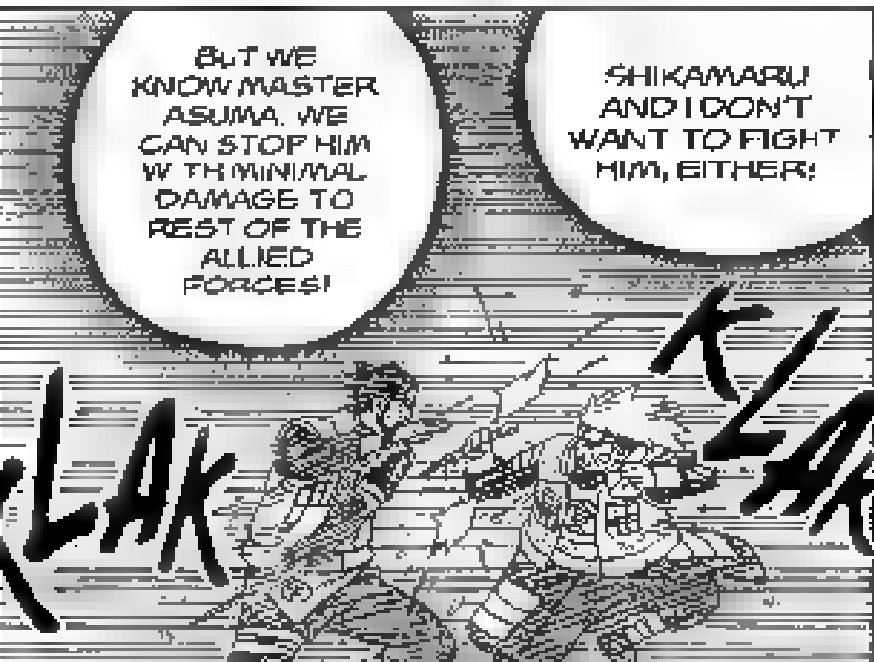
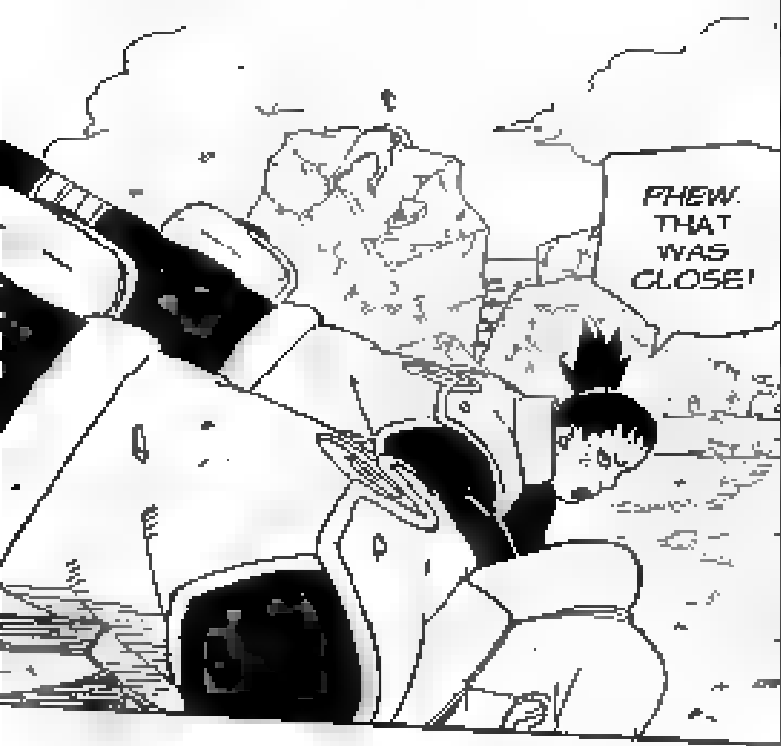
















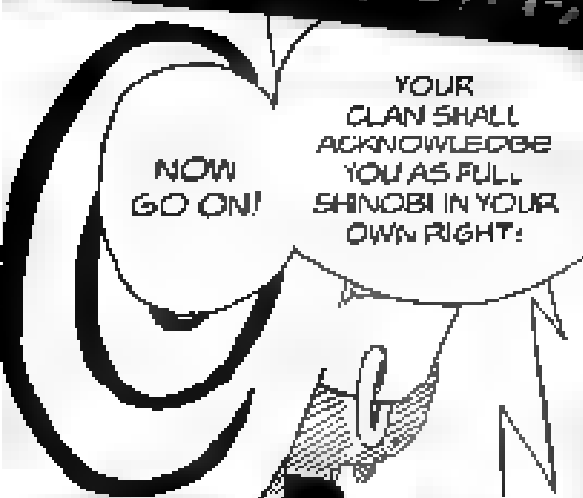
AND...

THESE
PIERCINGS ARE
ALSO PROOF TO
YOUR RESPECTIVE
CLANS THAT EACH
OF YOU HAVE
COME INTO
YOUR OWN.



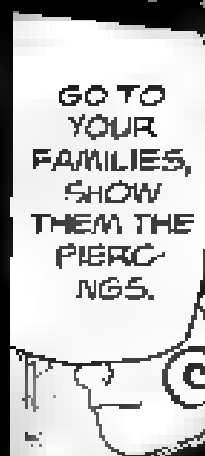
THESE
EARRINGS ARE
MY PRESENT
TO YOU FOR
ACHIEVING
CHUNIN RANK.

DON'T
YOU EVER
FORGET
THAT WE
WERE ONCE
CELL
NUMBER 10!



NOW
GO ON!

YOUR
CLAN SHALL
ACKNOWLEDGE
YOU AS FULL
SHINOBI IN YOUR
OWN RIGHT!



GO TO
YOUR
FAMILIES,
SHOW
THEM THE
PIERCINGS.



YOU ALL
ALREADY
KNOW THE
TALE BEHIND
WHY WE
WEAR THEM,
RIGHT?

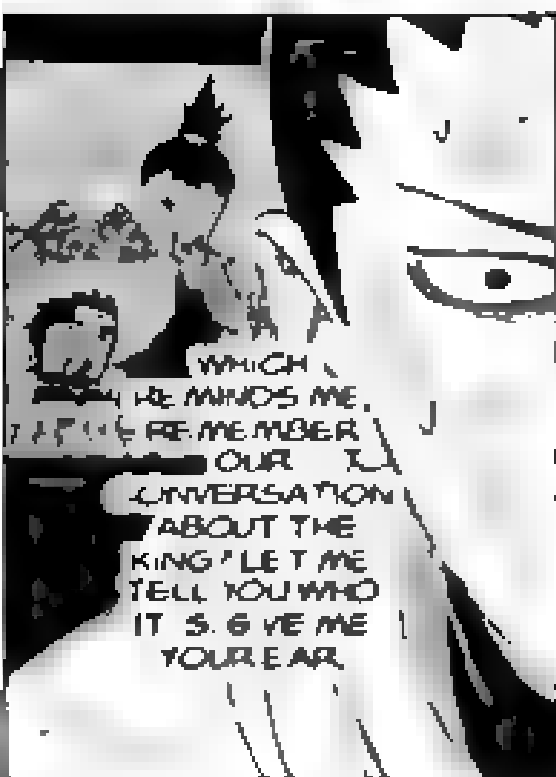


FIRE
STYLE!
BURNING
ASH!!



AIEE!









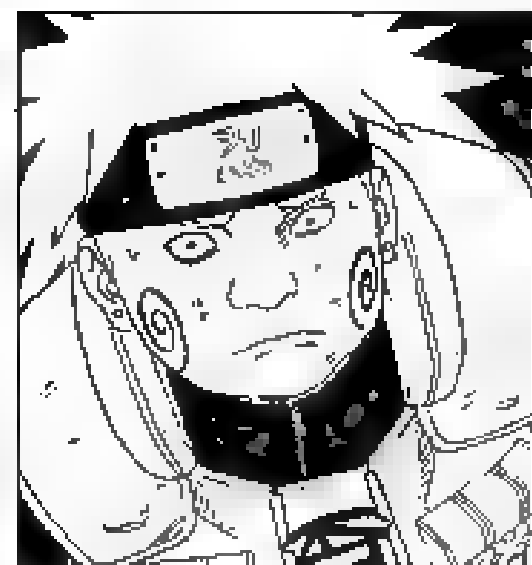
REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE THE 16TH HEAD OF THE AKIMICHI CLAN!!

QUIT WHINING AND POUTING, CHOJI!!!



THE MIDDLE ONE IS THE NARA CLAN'S AND THE LEFTMOST ONE THE YAMANAKA CLAN'S.

THE ONE ON THE FAR RIGHT IS OUR AKIMICHI CLAN'S CREST AND THE OTHER TWO ARE... UH...



THERE ARE CUSTOMARY OATHS TO BE SWORN BY EACH GENERATION ALONG WITH THOSE DECORATIONS.

TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNION AND PROTECT OUR CLANS, THE AUTHORITATIVE SARUTOBI CLAN BESTOWS EAR PIERCINGS UPON ALL THREE OF OUR CLANS.



WE HAVE BEEN COMBINING OUR POWERS FOR MANY GENERATIONS AND THE THREE CLANS SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP



THREE CLANS THAT USE HIGHLY UNUSUAL HIDDEN NINJUTSU.

WE WEAR
THESE
PIERCINGS TO
CONTINUOUSLY
REMINDE
OURSELVES OF
THE OATHS WE
SWORE

YOU'LL
EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO DO
IT TOO.

YOU
MEAN
THESE,
RIGHT?

SAW
THE OTHER
CLANS
LEADERS
HAD THEM
TOO THEY
LOOK
PAINFUL!



(NINJA ACADEMY)

IT'S A
PRACTICE
TO TEACH
ONE'S CHILD
ABOUT
ONE'S
OATHS.

BUT I
HATE
PAIN!

WHAT?!

WHY?

FROM THE TIME
MY CHILD BECOMES
AGENIN UNTIL HE
OR SHE ACHIEVES
CHUNIN STATUS, I
AM TO LEND MY
PIERCINGS TO
HIM/HER



WHAT
IS IT?

UH..

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK I CAN
GET
MARRIED?

AND NOW YOU'LL
SWEAR YOUR OWN
OATH UPON THESE
NEW PIERCINGS,
TAKING ON THE
RESPONSIBILITY
OF RAISING YOUR
OWN CHILD TO
EVENTUALLY PASS
THESE ON TO.

FROM
THIS DAY
ON, YOU'RE A
FULL SHINOBI
TOO.



LOOK, I
WAS ABLE
TO MARRY,
WASN'T I?
BE MORE
CONFIDENT!

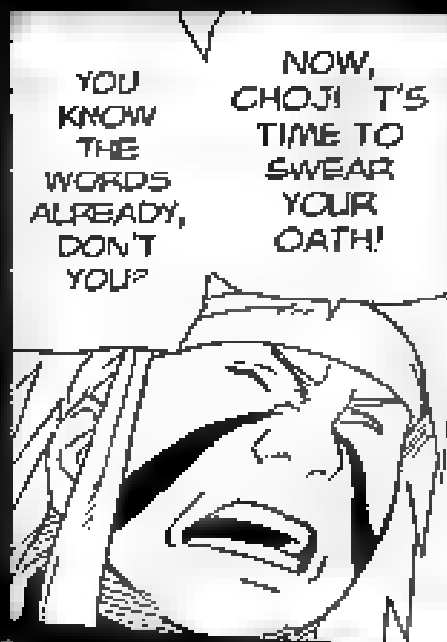
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHY MASTER
ASUMA
CONTINUES
TO BE HARD
ON YOU?

YOU
DON'T
?



Y-YEAH.

FISH



YOU
KNOW
THE
WORDS
ALREADY,
DON'T
YOU?

NOW,
CHOJI T'S
TIME TO
SWEAR
YOUR
OATH!



I DON'T THINK
I'LL BE AS LUCKY
AS YOU, PA.
TIMES HAVE
CHANGED.

GIRLS
AREN'T AS
OPEN-
MINDED.



I THOUGHT
BOTH MY
HEART AND
BODY
WOULD GET
STRONGER.



I THOUGHT
I'D CHANGE
WHEN I GOT
OLDER.



MISTER
CHOZA, WE
NEED YOU!
PLEASE
HURRY!



THAT AS THE 16TH
AKIMICHI CLAN
LEADER, I SHALL
PASS ON THIS
OATH ENTRUSTED
TO ME BY THE
15TH LEADER.

I HEREBY
SWEAR!

..UNTO
THE 17TH,
TO MY
CHILD
THAT IS
TO BE



SORRY!
I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE!



THOUGHT
"IT WAS
JUST AN
OATH."

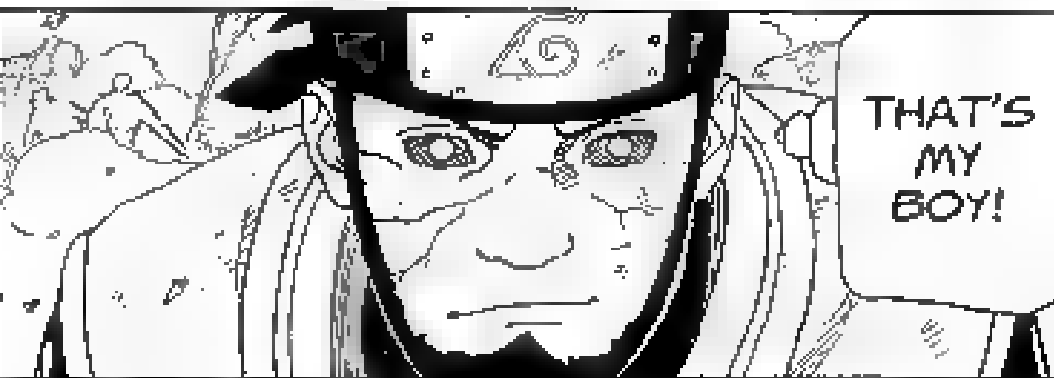
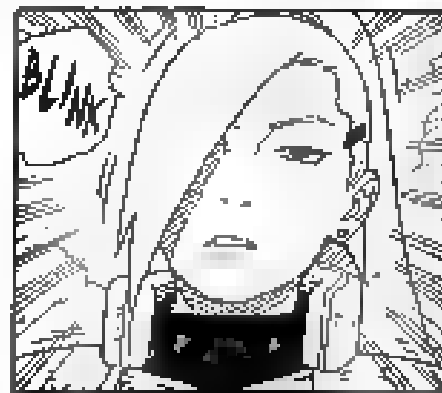


..SWEAR TO
TRANSFORM
FROM A LOWLY
CATERPILLAR
TO A
POWERFUL
BUTTERFLY...!

YOU
CAN
GO
BACK!

THANK
YOU, INO.
'M OKAY
NOW.

I, AKIMICHI
CHOJI, IN
ORDER TO
PROTECT THE
YAMANAKA AND
NARA CLANS,
AND DEFEND
KONOHA.





AND
TAKE
FLIGHT
!!!

TIME TO
CHANGE!!



Number 534:

f a fewell, - lno - shika, cho!!

HE'S FINE!

NO SIDE EFFECTS!

HE ACHIEVED THE AKIMICHI CLAN CALORIE CONTROL HIDDEN WITHOUT PELLETS.

IS HE OKAY?

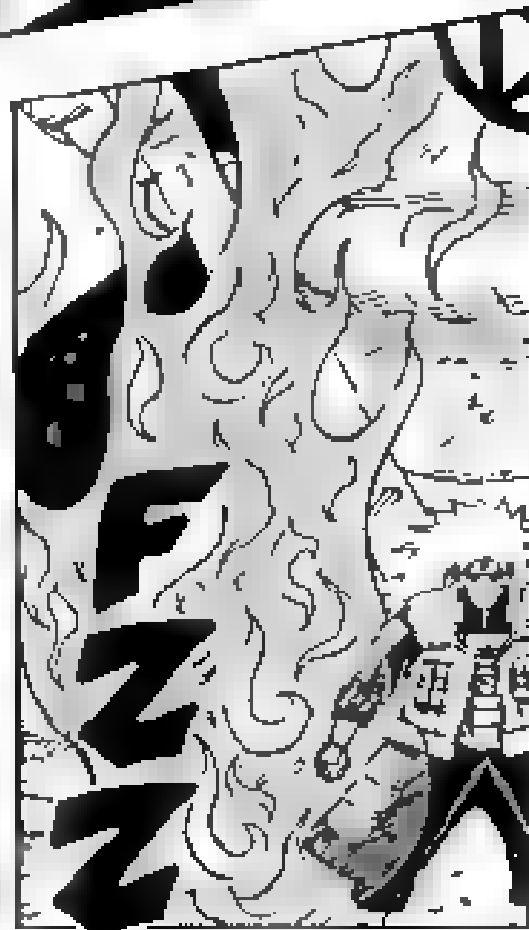
IT'S LIKE WHEN HE USED THE CHILI PEPPER PELLETS!

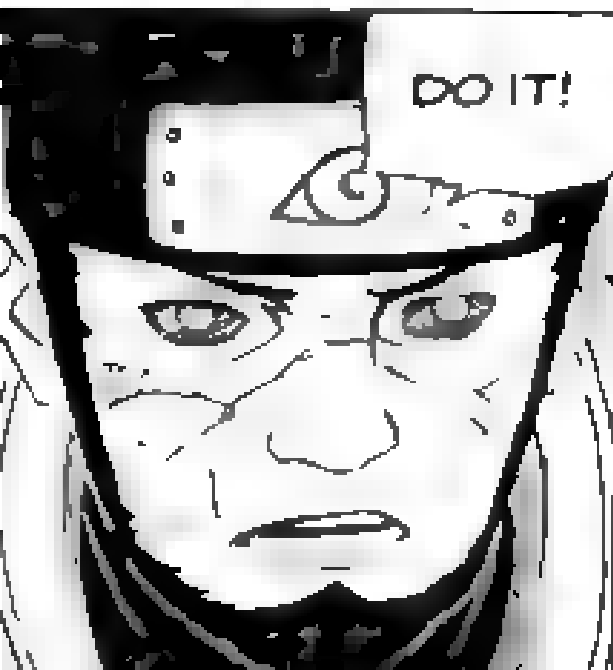
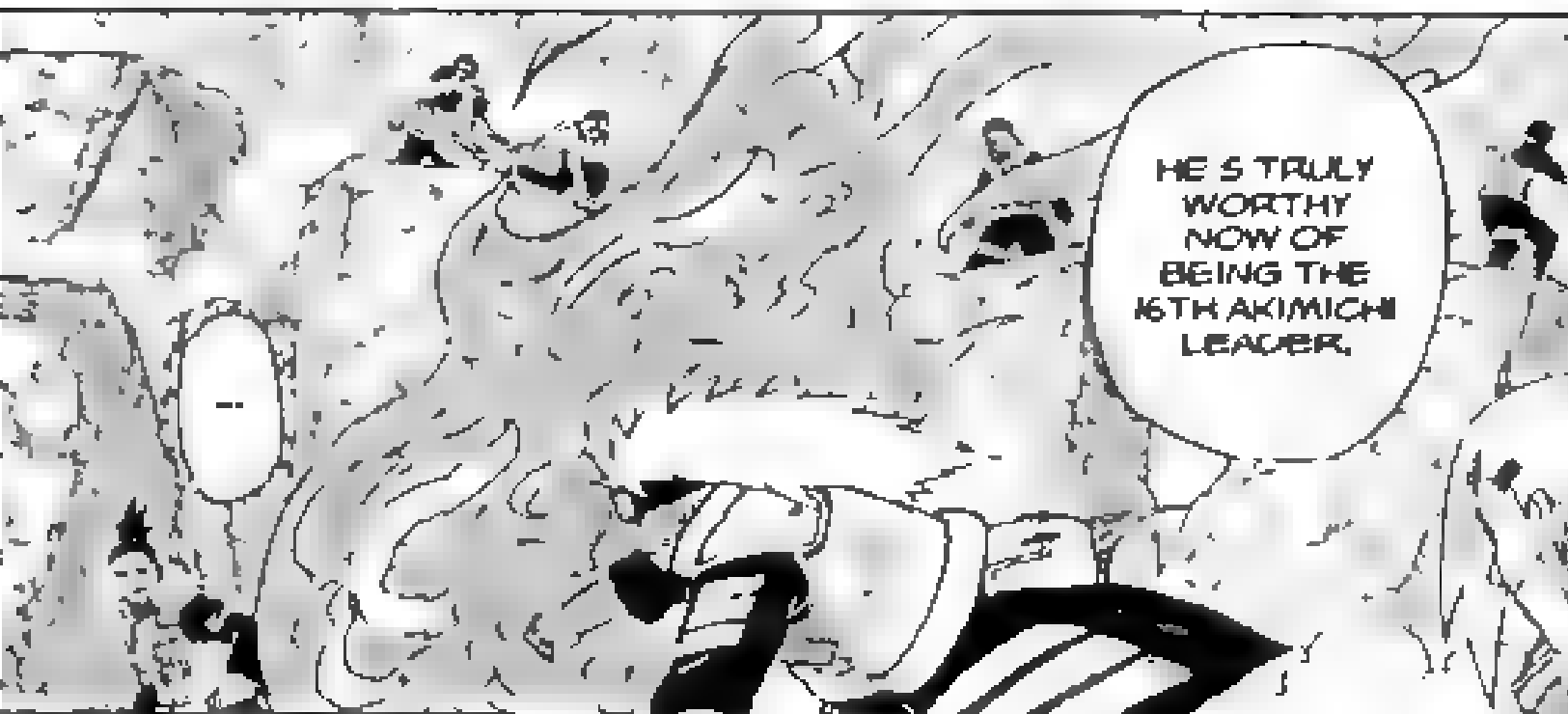
CHOJI'S SLIMMER. DID HE TAKE THE PELLETS AGAIN?

!

WILL YOU
BE ABLE
TO FLY?

YOUR
COCOON WAS
STRONGER
THAN YOU
THOUGHT
IT'D BE E.H.
CHOJI?







WEAKEN
HIM, THEN
GET HIM
OVER HERE!

WE NEED
TO GET IN
THERE
TOO...



SHIKAMARU,
GET MY
BACK!



HEY SEALING
CORPS, YOU
THINK THIS IS
EASY?



SHUT
UP!



SHOOM



NOW,
INO!

TUP

MIND
TRANSFER
TECH-
NIQUE!





NOW
YOU'VE
GOT
THE



ALL THE
GODS WILL
BE THE
THINGS
THEY
FALL

THAT'S
WHAT
I WANT
TO DO



CHOJI



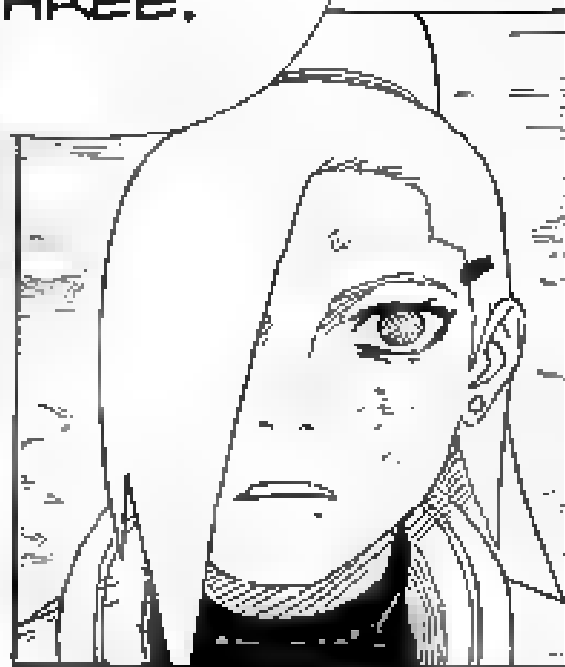
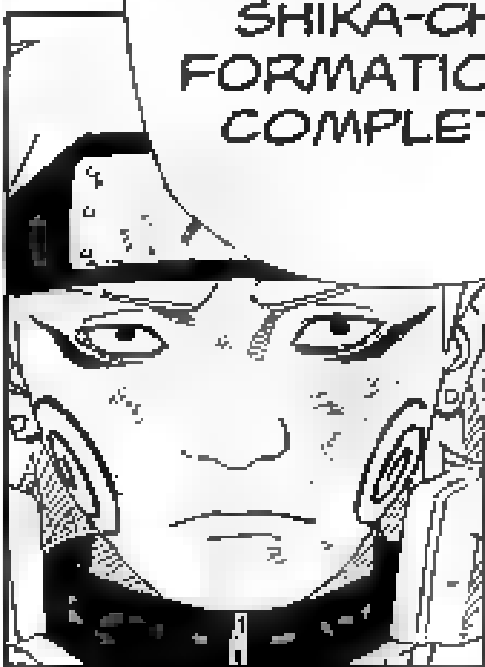


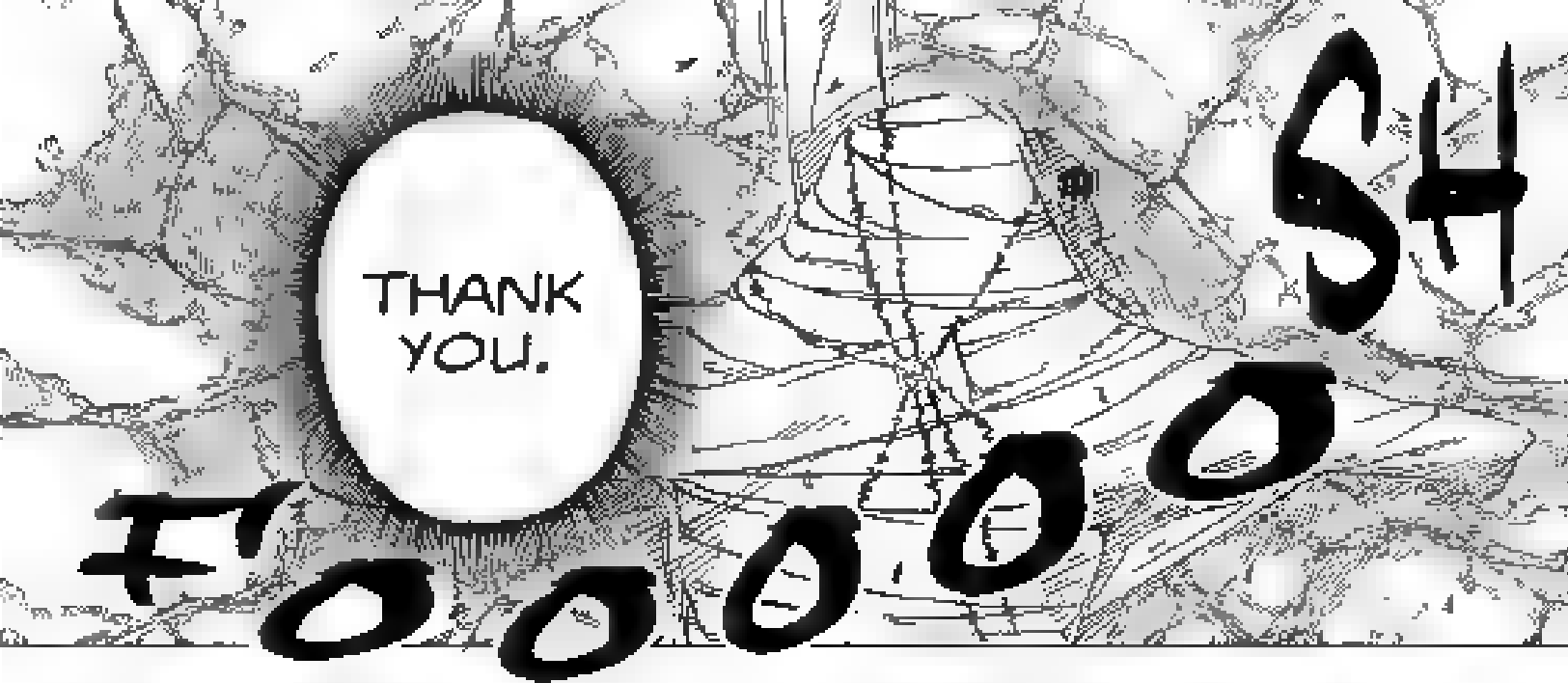




YOUR INO-SHIKA-CHO FORMATION IS COMPLETE!

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO SAY TO YOU THREE.









I'VE
KNOWN YOU
FOREVER,
CHOJI.

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
YOU TAKE
CHARGE!

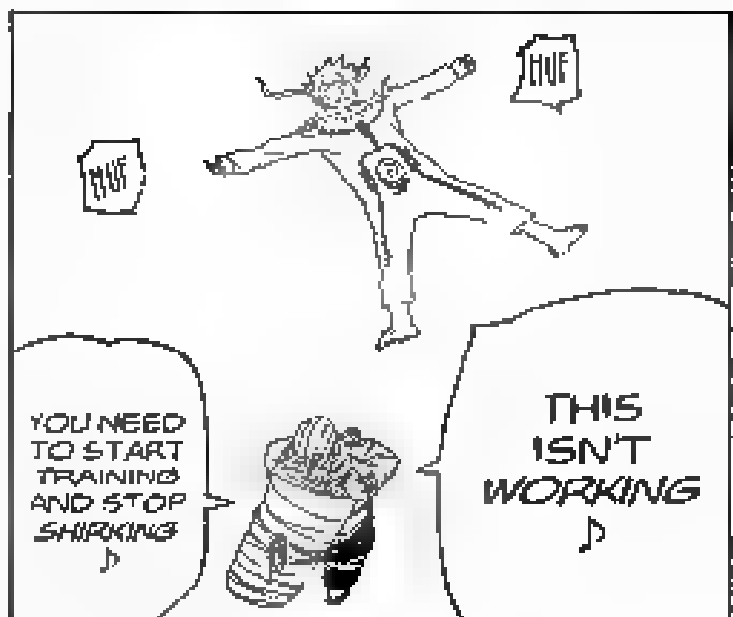
YOU
GOT
TI



WHAT?

FISH

SOME
THING'S
BUGGING
ME!



YOU NEED
TO START
TRAINING
AND STOP
SHIRKING
♪

THIS
ISN'T
WORKING
♪



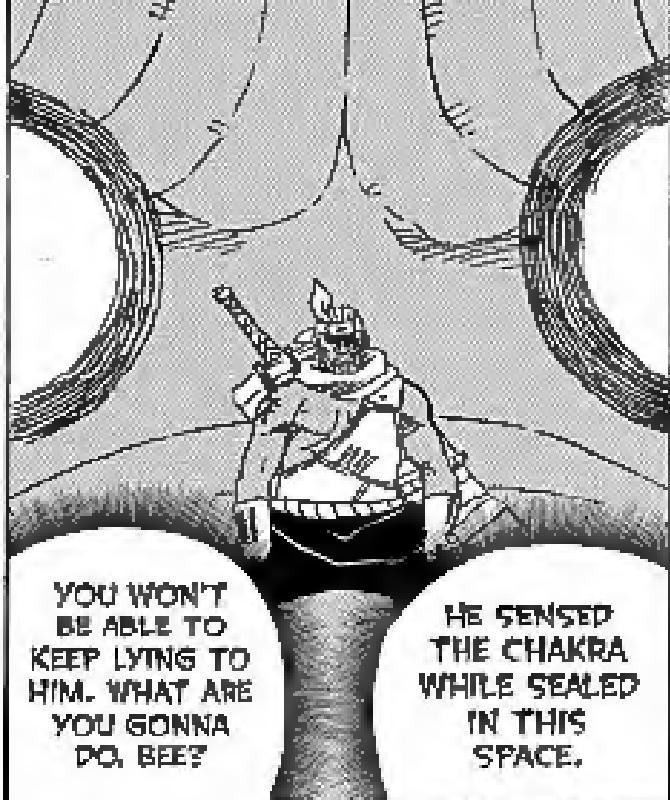
YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE
WITH NINE
TAIL CHAKRA,
GET REAL!

CHAKRA
CAN'T GET
IN OR
OUTTA THIS
SEAL!



BUT I'M
THE ONLY
ONE THAT
HAS IT,
RIGHT?

I SENSED
NINE TAILS
CHAKRA,
EARLIER,
YA KNOW?



YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
KEEP LYING TO
HIM. WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO, BEEF?

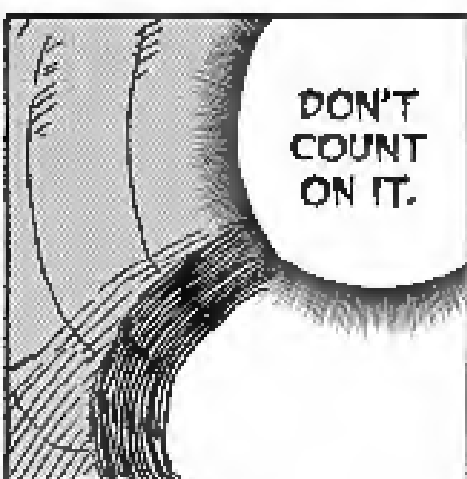
HE SENSED
THE CHAKRA
WHILE SEALED
IN THIS
SPACE.



THE GOLD
& SILVER
BROTHERS
ALSO POSSESS
THE NINE TAILS
CHAKRA.

WHICH MEANS
OROCHIMARU'S
JUTSU HAS
REANIMATED
THEM.

NARUTO'S
FIGURING
IT OUT.



DON'T
COUNT
ON IT.

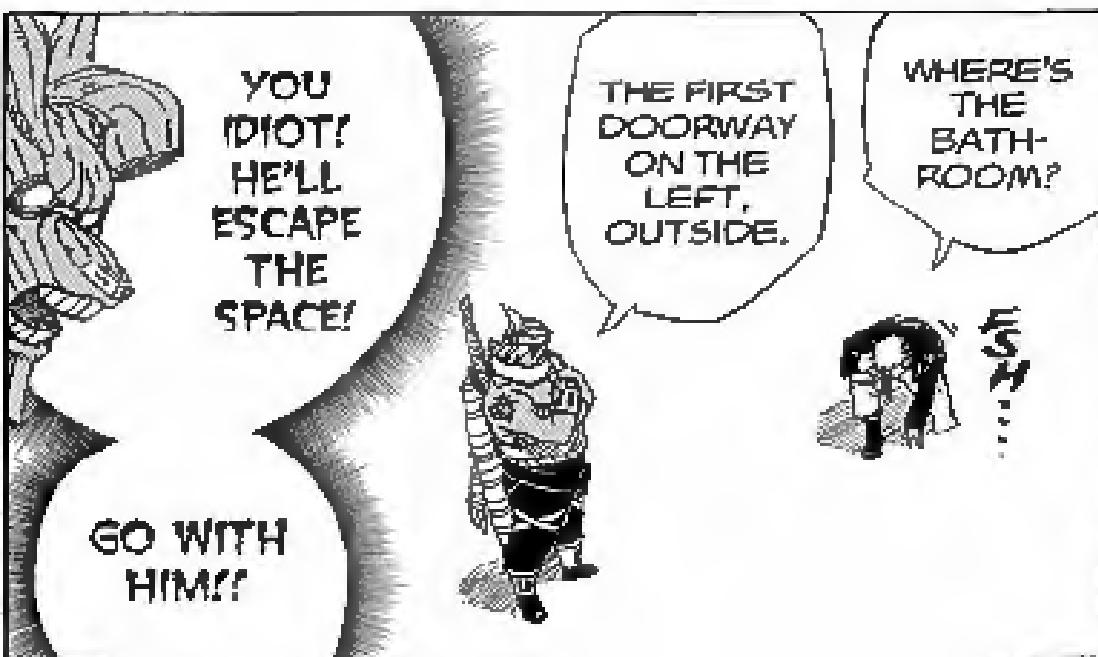


YOU CAN'T
LET NARUTO
OUT OF THIS
SPACE?

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
HERE FOR,
EIGHT!

DO?

COME ON!
WEREN'T YOU
PAYING
ATTENTION TO
THE PLAN?!



YOU
IDIOT!
HE'LL
ESCAPE
THE
SPACE!

GO WITH
HIM?!

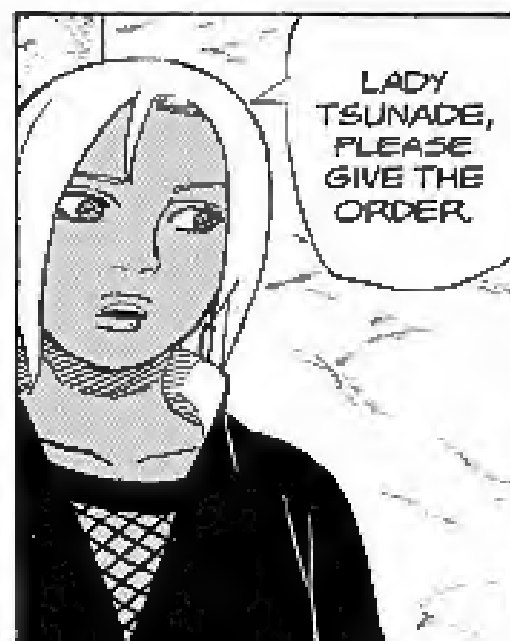
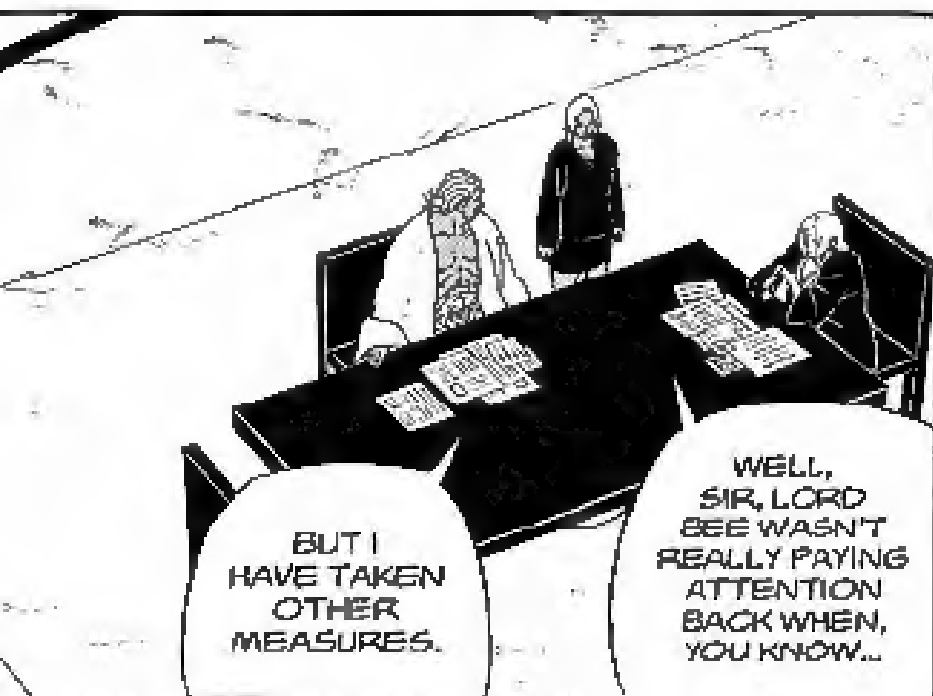
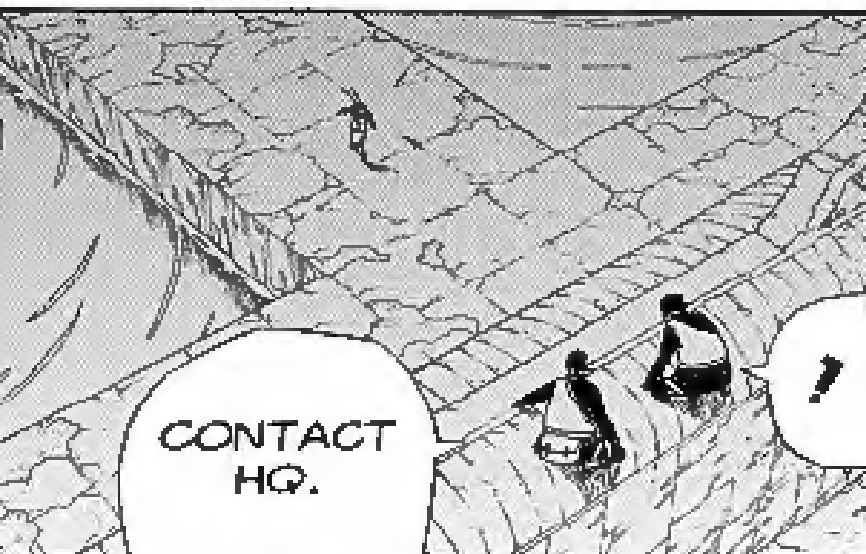
THE FIRST
DOORWAY
ON THE
LEFT,
OUTSIDE.

WHERE'S
THE
BATH-
ROOM?



ESH
...







HALT,
NARUTO!



I KNEW
SOME-
THING
WAS UP!



WHY ARE
THERE SO
MANY
LOOK-
OUTS?!



WE'LL
TALK
THERE.

INSIDE.



OKAY,
WHY IS
SHINO'S
DAD
HERE?

WHY
ARE YOU
WATCHING
ME?!



NARUTO,
I'M SORRY,
BUT WE
CANNOT LET
YOU PASS.

YOU MUST
COOPERATE
AND RETURN
TO YOUR
ASSIGNED
SPACE.

